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Synopsis

The Great Yan Empire exists in a world where respect can only be earned through strength. Within this Great Yan Empire, the four great clans have always stood above the rest. Among them, a particular incident in the Lin Clan resulted in the banishment of a certain individual who went on to start his own family, in hopes of one day being recognized again by the Lin Clan, and rejoining them...

Hailing from a banished family of the Great Lin Clan, when Lin Dong was very young, he watched, powerless, as his talented father was easily crushed and crippled by the overwhelming genius of the great Lin Clan, Lin Langtian.

With a despairing father, a heartbroken grandfather, and a suffering family, ever since that fateful day, Lin Dong has been driven by a deep purpose; to take revenge on the man who had taken everything and more from his family.

Armed with nothing but willpower and determination, join Lin Dong as he unknowingly discovers a destiny greater than he could ever hope to imagine when he stumbles upon a mysterious stone talisman...

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Chapter 401: Saint Light Empire

Darkness enveloped the vast land and the Ancient Battlefield's night scene looked especially gloomy and depressing. A full moon hung high in the distant horizon.

The full moon appeared to be dark-red in colour, as if it was covered with countless layers of fresh blood, giving one a run of goosebumps on his or her skin.

The dark-reddish moonlight spilled down from the sky and illuminated the vast ravaged land. Deep and low roars resounded in succession through the vast land. Amongst these roars, there existed a thick scent of insanity and hysteria.

The nighttime of the Ancient Battlefield was the time that humans were forbidden to roam around.

In the assembly point's city, Lin Dong sat cross-legged in his stone chamber silently. Traces of Devouring Power were pervading quietly through the air. The Yuan Power contained between Heaven and Earth was pouring into Lin Dong's body steadily.

As these Yuan Power continuously flowed into Lin Dong's body, there were faint strains of red-coloured energy gathering around his body as well.

Even though these strains of red-coloured energy were not vigorous, they displayed terrifying speed of vibrations and gave off intense heat. These strains of red-coloured energy were exactly

Nirvana Qi.

From a certain perspective, Nirvana Qi was much more complicated and profound than Yuan Power. This kind of energy had numerous miraculous applications such as tempering and refining the Yuan Power and cleansing one's physical body. However, due to the might of the Nirvana Qi, a lot of elites who had not entered the Nirvana Stage did not dare to absorb it without constraint. That was because their bodies could not withstand a huge amount of Nirvana Qi. Thus, these people could only absorb and refine a small amount of Nirvana Qi at a time. Most of them used the Nirvana Qi to refine and create the Nirvana pills, which could be used for attacking the Nirvana Stage.

However, Lin Dong did not really bother about such concerns. After all, he possessed the Devouring Ancestral Symbol. This allowed him to devour any forms of energy, even the Nirvana Qi by force!

As the faint red glow flickered around Lin Dong's body, a fine creaking sound could be heard. These Nirvana Qi had permeated Lin Dong's skin and flesh. The blazing energy that accompanied the Nirvana Qi had increased Lin Dong's powers bit by bit as if a transformation was taking place.

With this rate of increase in his strength, it would not take long for Lin Dong to step into the advanced Manifestation Stage. When that time comes, any practitioners under the Nirvana Stage would not be his match.

After a long period of time, the boiling Yuan Power around Lin

Dong's body began to simmer down and the red glow flickering around his body began to dim as well. Lin Dong's tightly-shut eyes opened up gradually.

In the darkness, two red glows flashed upon Lin Dong's eyes, seemingly tearing apart the darkness.

“Phew!”

As he opened his eyes, Lin Dong exhaled a breath of heated white gas. With a flip of his palm, ten fiery-red and perfectly round Nirvana pills appeared on his palm. These Nirvana pills were made up of the leftover Nirvana Qi in Lin Dong's body that had not been refined after he had devoured them.

If he was to take this handful of Nirvana pills out, it would draw countless shocking looks. After all, even an advanced Manifestation Stage practitioner like Mo Ling could only refine up to three Nirvana pills in one night. However, Lin Dong could easily produce ten Nirvana pills using just the leftover Nirvana Qi in his body in one night. His speed in producing the Nirvana pills was universally shocking.

However, even with such a petrifying speed, Lin Dong was not satisfied. He shook his head slightly and muttered, “All along in this assembly point, I still don't dare to unleash the full power of the Devouring Ancestral Symbol. Otherwise, how could my reward be this little...”

Lin Dong's demand for the Nirvana pills was much more higher

than ordinary people. Not only did he need to prepare a large amount of Nirvana pills for himself, he also needed enough Nirvana pills to cleanse the Blood Soul Puppet. However, the amount of Nirvana pills that he currently possessed was far from enough for any of the two objectives he had.

“The nighttime in the Ancient Battlefield is indeed scary...”

Lin Dong leaped out of his stone bed and looked at the curtain of night that was sprinkled with dark-reddish moonlight. There was a solemn look on his face. Under the illumination of such moonlight, he could feel that the Yuan Power contained between Heaven and Earth were congregating and caused his movements to be sluggish. Even the flow of Yuan Power in his body was much more slower than it was in the daytime.

This was the third night that Lin Dong spent in the Ancient Battlefield. It had been three days since they arrived in the assembly point's city. During these three days, he had not been in contact with anyone. Naturally, Mo Ling had done a great job in gathering intelligence. Hence, right now, he roughly knew a thing or two about the city.

Currently, the overlord of this assembly point's city was the members from the Saint Light Empire. Lin Dong had never heard of this empire before, but their strength was indeed the most powerful among all the empires here. According to the intelligence gathered, the Saint Light Empire entered the Ancient Battlefield with twenty participants. Seven of these people had reached the advanced Manifestation Stage while their strongest member had already reached the apex of advanced Manifestation Stage. This

was enough for them to look down on everyone.

This kind of capabilities and line-up were sufficient in deterring the members from other empires to plot against them. At the same time, in order to become the overlord of this assembly point, the Saint Light Empire collected Nirvana pills from anyone who sought shelter in the city as a form of payment. Honestly speaking, this action was no different from the concept of collecting protection fees...

Even though the Saint Light Empire was tyrannical in their actions, they actually were capable of oppressing the geniuses from other empires given that they were short-handed. Hence, they roped in people who fawned upon them. This way, no one would dare to oppose them. After all, everyone were not familiar with the Ancient Battlefield. The nighttime in this place was enough to create fear in people. If they lost the protection of the city, they would most likely end up as food for the Demonic Beasts.

Due to these reasons, the members of the Saint Light Empire were flamboyant and overbearing in this assembly point. However, most people did not dare to voice out their anger and grievances. With regards to this situation, Lin Dong kept an attitude of a bystander. During these three days, they also came into conflicts with the Saint Light Empire's members, but they chose to bear with it in the end.

He understood that, in order to distinguish himself in the Ancient Battlefield, he must abandon the protection of the city and ventured alone into the wilderness of this land to experience the nature's temperings. If he continued to hide here, he would

become the most useless entity in this land.

Lin Dong had already made up his mind. After he stepped into the advanced Manifestation Stage, he would leave this place and carried on with his own solo training. Even if the danger factor of this plan was high, he had to do it. As long as he was with Mo Ling and the rest, he could not execute most of his moves and this restricted his movements. Of course, before he left, he had to get rid of one problem.

Lin Langtian.

Lin Dong's eyes became slightly gloomy. Ever since they entered the Ancient Battlefield, Lin Langtian had become extremely quiet. That kind of behaviour seemed to show that the latter had forgotten about his feud with Lin Dong. However, not only did such behaviour not set Lin Dong's mind at rest, instead, it increased his killer intent deeply. That was because he clearly knew that given Lin Langtian's temperament and nature, a arch enemy like him must be killed as soon as possible.

“Wait until you have stepped into the advanced Manifestation Stage, then you should be able to use the Devouring Ancestral Symbol to stop the nighttime's effects on you. When that moment comes, the Ancient Battlefield's nighttime can no longer suppress your powers.”

“The Ancient Battlefield is extremely weird. If you roam around the area and train, it will benefit you greatly. Yet, if you stay here and hide, you will be a useless fool forever,” Little Marten laughed as he appeared on Lin dong's shoulder and gazed upon the dark-

reddish night scene.

Lin Dong nodded his head slightly. With regards to this land, his mind was filled with extreme curiosity.

“Be extra careful tonight. I can feel that the energy contained between Heaven and Earth is much more stronger than usual. Furthermore, a lot of auras have appeared outside of this city,” Little Marten suddenly said as he took a glance into the distance.

Upon hearing these words, Lin Dong startled and his eyelids suddenly twitched. His eyes were filled with intense shock. He then looked outside and lowered his volume and said, “Is the demonic horde coming?”

The demonic horde was an extremely terrifying disaster in the Ancient Battlefield. During the nighttime, numerous demonic beasts would gather. Then, like a locust swarm, they would destroy everything in their paths. During Lin Dong’s three days’ stay in this city, he had seen some smaller-scale demonic hordes, which were easily repelled. However, the incoming demonic horde did not appear to be small in size...

“Ok, I shouldn’t be wrong. We should be extra careful. As compared to the Great Yan Empire, the demonic beasts in the Ancient Battlefield are much more fierce and tough. Even an advanced Manifestation Stage practitioner will face certain death if he or she gets caught in the demonic horde,” Little Marten explained.

Lin Dong nodded his head as his eyes surged with sombreness. He then looked across the outside of the city. In the distant darkness, there appeared to be numerous glints of scarlet which brought fear to one's heart.

After a moment, these glints of scarlet became more and more distinct. At this moment, the vast land shuddered slightly. It was as if the entire city trembled slightly.

“Woo!”

Since the city was filled with capable individuals, when the vast land trembled and a ear-piercing siren rang throughout the city, waves of vigorous aura erupted. Human silhouettes were seen jumping up and appearing on the city walls. When they saw a wave of endless and densely-packed demonic horde, numerous faces turned pale-white.

“Phew.”

Just as the entire city sank into chaos, Lin Dong exhaled deeply. He knew that the first problem he would encounter upon entering the Ancient Battlefield had finally come...

Chapter 402: Demon Horde

As the ground shook, several vicious and savage growls echoed out at the same time. Instantly, the entire city began to tremble due to this massive soundwave. Meanwhile, a blood moon was hung up in the sky, while streams of blood-red moonlight poured down and added an additional vicious tinge to that demon horde.

On top of the city wall, almost everyone had dashed on top of it. As they stared at that never-ending demon horde outside of the city wall, all of their faces turned extremely grim. Thankfully, most of them were fairly capable. Therefore, even though they were stunned by this sight, they did not panic.

Lin Dong also leapt onto the city wall that was closest to his stone hut. As he cast his gaze out of the city wall, a blood-red hue filled his sight until it eventually extended till the limits of his vision. Those blood-red were formed from countless blood-red ape eyes, while an exceedingly overwhelming vicious aura shot through the sky, causing the blood-red moon to be dyed even more blood-red. It was difficult for one to imagine just how many Demonic Beasts were gathered outside of the city...

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Just as Lin Dong was shocked by this demon horde, countless splitting wind sound echoed out from behind him. Then, Mo Ling and the rest quickly dashed behind him. However, when they saw the demon horde flooding towards the city, all of them involuntarily sucked in a breath of cold air. This was the first time they had ever witnessed such a terrifying demon horde...

“This is going to be troublesome. This time around, the demon horde is much larger compared to two days before. If we are negligent, the city would crumble and countless people would lose their lives.” Mo Ling’s expression was solemn as he said.

Du Yun and Man Shan also nodded their head, while a tinge of shock flashed across their eyes. If this city was destroyed, they would lose their final shield. At that time, even a Nirvana stage practitioner would be endangered if he faced such an overwhelming flood of demons.

“Brother Lin Dong, what should we do?” Mo Ling glanced at Lin Dong and asked for his opinion.

“Let’s observe the situation first. Though it is a huge demon horde, we have quite a lot of men in the city. Therefore, it is not impossible for us to last till daybreak tomorrow.” Lin Dong contemplated for a moment before he said.

“Yes.”

When he heard Lin Dong’s words, Mo Ling and the rest gently nodded their head. Only Lin Langtian’s face was cold, while a venomous tinge occasionally flashed across his eyes. However, he did not speak up.

“Growl!”

Just as Lin Dong and the rest finished speaking, a series of earth-shattering growls suddenly erupted from within the demon horde. Then, a series of commotions erupted within the demon horde. Immediately, Lin Dong's attention turned to look at the source of the commotion, before a solemn glint flashed across his eyes. At that spot, he could sense a few exceedingly savage aura. Those auras were far more powerful than ordinary Demonic Beasts. Based on their estimates, they could even match up to a Nirvana stage practitioner.

Lin Dong's pupils gently shrunk, while he waved his sleeves. Immediately, Little Flame darted out from his sleeves, before it shook its body and transformed into battle mode. It seemed pretty impressive. Right now, even if it fought against an advanced Manifestation practitioner, Little Flame would not lose out at all. Therefore, it was of great help to Lin Dong.

“Everyone, do not panic!”

Just as Lin Dong summoned Little Flame, on the spire in the middle of the city, several powerful auras suddenly erupted in that spot. Following which, all the elite Sacred Light Empire practitioners dashed out before they hovered in mid-air. Meanwhile, their loud roars resonated in everyone's ears.

“Though this demon horde is massive, as long as everyone here obeys our Sacred Light Empire, we can survive this disaster!” An advanced Manifestation practitioner pridefully scanned the city before he shouted out.

“With the Sacred Light Empire guarding this area, we can

definitely defeat this demon horde!” After the elite Sacred Light Empire practitioners spoke, several people immediately responded. Those people had long sided with the Sacred Light Empire and they were purposely putting up a show in this city.

With regards to the dominance of the Sacred Light Empire, several elite practitioners were unhappy with it. However, none of them dared to voice out their objections. In a few days’ time, the Sacred Light Empire had already established their dominance. Of course, blood had to be spilled in order for them to do so.

Two days ago, two new advanced Manifestation practitioner attempted to fight with a peak Manifestation practitioner from Sacred Light Empire. However, that Sacred Light Empire practitioner only use a single palm attack to instantly slaughter those two advanced Manifestation practitioner right in front of the city. After that, no one dared to challenge the Sacred Light Empire. After all, the latter’s strength far exceeds theirs.

Swoosh Swoosh Swoosh!

When they saw that no one in the city dared to object against them, the elite Sacred Light Empire’s practitioners were all grinning with joy. Promptly, they spread themselves out and each took charge of a section of the city, just like they all were all commanding officers.

“Snort, it’s that annoying fellow!” Mo Ling stared at a figure that was heading towards them, while his expression gently changed as he chuckled.

Lin Dong turned to look only to see that a man dressed in golden robes, who standing on top of a tower. His face was filled with overwhelming arrogance. After these few days, he believed that they were the overlords of this domain. Therefore, in their opinion, everyone else is a subordinate.

Furthermore, Lin Dong knew that the man dressed in golden robes was called Xia Huang. He was also a new advanced Manifestation practitioner from Sacred Light Empire. Moreover, that man knew Manifestation martial arts and he was extremely powerful. In fact, most ordinary advanced Manifestation practitioner could hardly match up against him. Therefore, this man was extremely arrogant. Of course, the most important thing was that he had a grudge against Mo Ling and the rest.

The incident occurred two days ago, when Lin Dong first arrived in the city and Man Shan was out hunting for information. As he was unable to stand Xia Huang's arrogant attitude, he involuntarily grumbled. However, he never expected Xia Huang to actually hear him. Immediately, he was embarrassed and attacked him and nearly wounded Man Shan. Thankfully, Mo Ling followed behind and managed to halt Xia Huang. However, by doing so, they also offended this Sacred Light Empire practitioner. Therefore, they were subsequently troubled by that fellow. Nonetheless, owing to the formidable strength of the Sacred Light Empire, Mo Ling could only chose to bear with it...

Xia Huang stepped on the tower, while a dozen elite practitioners followed behind him. These were the other powerful practitioners that had sided with the Sacred Light Empire. At the same time, he glanced outside of the city, while his eyes were filled with a solemn

expression.

“Master Xia Huang, this is a pretty huge demon horde. If we fought against it, we would surely suffer.” Behind Xia Huang, a powerful practitioner was slightly pale as he said.

“Pfft, what is there to be afraid of? There are countless elite practitioners in the empire gathered here. Now that the demon horde has arrived, just let them fight against. It does not matter how many casualties they suffer. In fact, after they grow weaker, it would decrease the odds of them standing up against our Sacred Light Empire. In the future, all of them would obediently become our pill slave and donate all their Nirvana Pills?” When he heard his words, Xia Huang chuckled.

“Master is wise indeed.” When he heard how vicious Xia Huang’s words were, the other elite practitioners hastily responded respectfully.

“It seems like the aura in that direction is more vicious than the rest. There must be a few powerful Demonic Beasts in that demon horde...” Xia Huang’s eyes swept across the outer regions of the city. Promptly, his attention shifted before he saw Mo Ling and the rest standing on top of the high wall. Immediately, a venomous glint flashed across his eyes.

“Mo Ling and the rest of you from Great Yan Empire, join the others and guard the northwest city wall. You must stop the demon horde and prevent them from entering the city!”

Xia Huang's cold shout sounded out in mid-air, before it echoed out in Mo Ling and the rest's ears. Immediately, their expression changed. They naturally felt that the aura stemming the northwest direction of the demon horde was exceedingly powerful. Now that Xia Huang had instructed them to head towards that direction, he was evidently trying to use these demonic beasts to slaughter them.

"Xia Huang, do you really think that we are your subordinates?!" Du Yun chuckled.

"Fools. In this assembly point, my Sacred Light Empire is the overlord. If you dare to object, we will chase you out of the city immediately and throw you into the demon horde and let them devour you!" Xia Huang's expression darkened as he shouted out.

"You bloody bastard, how dare you command us. What do you think you are!" Man Shan was extremely outraged. Evidently, he was severely impacted by Xia Huang's words.

"Be quiet. The Sacred Light Empire is extremely powerful and it is extremely disadvantageous for us to clash with them!" Though Mo Ling's expression was grim, he chose to halt Du Yun and Man Shan, as he softly said.

When they heard his words, Du Yun and Man Shan could not grit their teeth in rage. After all, they understood that there were too many powerful practitioners in Sacred Light Empire. Furthermore, they had also recruited several elite practitioners from other empires. Most importantly, that peak Manifestation practitioner from Sacred Light Empire was simply too powerful. In

fact, he could easily slaughter several advanced Manifestation practitioners alone.

Based on their current line-up, even if all five of them fought against them, they would likely fail.

As he stared at a outraged Man Shan and the rest, Lin Dong chose to quietly stand aside and he did not speak up. However, a cold tinge flashed across his slightly sunken eyes. That Xia Huang was simply too overbearing.

On top of the tower, when Xia Huang saw Mo Ling and the rest quieten down, he raised his eyebrows before he chuckled callously: “Snort, a pile of useless garbage. What is this Great Yan Empire, I have never heard of it before. How dare you attempt to challenge my Sacred Light Empire. Fools.”

When they heard his words, Mo Ling and the rests’ expressions turned exceedingly grim. However, just as rage overwhelmed their hearts, a figure slowly walked out from behind them. Then, his casual words caused their hearts to tremble. That was because they knew that Lin Dong was finally going to make a move.

“Against such an insolent garbage, patience would not solve the problem...”

Chapter 403: Conflict

“Brother Lin Dong.”

The Mo Ling trio were taken aback when they saw Lin Dong walk out from behind them. Soon after, Mo Ling spoke in a low voice: “The Saint Light Empire’s strength is tyrannical. It will likely be very unbeneficial for us to go against them.”

Although Mo Ling was extremely furious in his heart at the people from the Saint Light Empire, he knew that the latter’s strength was indeed overwhelming. If they really clashed against the latter, they would be the ones to lose out.

“Brother Mo Ling, you’ve also said before that though it is admittedly needed to be low-key in the ancient battlefield, being too low-key will instead bring about endless trouble.” Lin Dong voice was calm as he replied.

Upon hearing this, Mo Ling bitterly laughed. He was not being low-key, with his strength, he knew that he was not weaker than any of the advanced Manifestation stage practitioners in the Saint Light Empire, but the number of advanced Manifestation stage practitioners the other side had was not just one. More importantly, they even possessed an elite peak Manifestation practitioner. He had seen that person act that day and he was indeed powerful without equal. Even Mo Ling would find it difficult to contend.

If put in the Great Yan Empire, every one of these Saint Light

Empire practitioners would be top-tier existences. The Secret Arts they cultivated, their martial arts and even Soul Treasures they wielded were all rather powerful. The fighting strength of every one of them far surpassed that of same level practitioners. This point alone was enough to prove that the Saint Light Empire's strength definitely far exceeded the Great Yan Empire.

Hence, in the face of the powerful Saint Light Empire, it was not that they were being low-key, but they were simply unable to contend and could only endure in silence.

“You actually dare to say that I am trash?!”

However, while Mo Ling was bitterly laughing, atop the high tower, Xia Huang's eyes instantly turned dark. He stared daggers at Lin Dong as a shrilly voice sounded out: “Looks like you country bumpkins are truly becoming rather ballsy. An initial Manifestation stage trash dares to challenge my Saint Light Empire. Good. I coincidentally find all of you rather tough on the eyes. I'll directly kill all of you and hang you on the city walls. Let's see who else dares to be rude to my Saint Light Empire in future!”

“Arrest all of these trash from the Great Yan Empire!”

As Xia Huang's stern command faded, the dozen or so practitioners behind him maliciously looked towards Lin Dong and his party. Vigorous Yuan Power undulations slowly spread outwards as their figures swiftly dashed forth, surrounding and trapping Lin Dong and gang.

Upon seeing this, the Mo Ling trio's expressions changed. Soon after, they stepped forward and vigilantly watched the situation.

“Roar!”

However, just as a fight was about to break out, a world-shaking roar suddenly sounded out outside the city. The ground started to shake as the scarlet red demonic horde surged forward. Like a bloody wave, they swept towards the city. The sight of ten thousand Demonic Beasts charging made many people's legs turn to jelly.

The demonic horde attack also caused Xia Huang and the rest's expression to change. He looked outside the city before venomously staring at Lin Dong: “Brat, looks like you have some good luck now. However, when the demonic horde has been defended, I will make all of you beg for death!”

As his sinister voice faded, Xia Huang's gaze immediately turned somewhere else as shouts echoed out, ordering all the practitioners to resist the demonic horde.

Lin Dong icily gazed at Xia Huang's figure, thick killing intent gushing in his eyes. In his heart, the favorable opinion he had of the Saint Light Empire faded. These fellows were really too disgusting.

“Brother Lin Dong, let us first defend against the demonic horde. If it is truly no good, we will leave this place as early as possible.” Mo Ling softly sighed. Now that they had fallen out with Xia

Huang, it would be very difficult to continue on in this place. After taking care of the demonic horde, they would take the opportunity to leave, or else, once the Saint Light Empire intended to deal with them, given their few numbers, it would likely be a disaster.

In response to Mo Ling's words, Lin Dong did not comment. The Saint Light Empire was indeed very powerful. A peak Manifestation stage, seven advanced Manifestation stage while the rest were all at the initial Manifestation stage. Such a lineup could indeed be considered as overwhelming. Yet, this was an enemy Lin Dong could afford to have. If this Saint Light Empire was not tactful, he did not mind letting a true massacre happen!

With these thoughts, a vicious glint flitted across Lin Dong's eyes. His character was originally one that would not offend others if others did not offend him. Yet, since Xia Huang took the initiative to find trouble with Lin Dong, don't blame him for being vicious and merciless.

"The demonic horde is coming, pay attention!" While the vicious light flickered in Lin Dong's eyes, Mo Ling's voice echoed in his ear. Lin Dong turned around and sure enough, the enormous demonic horde was already battering at the city walls.

"Boom boom!"

As the demonic horde charged at them, countless vigorous Yuan Power attacks instantly erupted from the top of the city walls, directly turning some of the Demonic Beasts at the front to a bloody pulp.

However, although the attacks from the city walls were ferocious, the demonic horde seemed to have no end. In the blink of an eye, Demonic Beasts smashed into the city walls one after another. The low thudding sounds seemed to slam into everyone's hearts, causing their breathing to become sluggish.

“Roar!”

Scarlet red Demonic Beasts catapulted up the city wall with astonishing jumping power, opening their huge mouths to reveal the sinister white fangs within as they bit at the people on the city wall.

Some Demonic Beasts had charged up the city wall. Although they were smashed to pulp by numerous attacks in the blink of an eye, the bloody smell that spread outwards instead excited the Demonic Beasts below, causing them to become even more ferocious.

Several Demonic Beasts also charged up the city wall where Lin Dong and the rest were on. However, the beasts were swiftly killed. Yet, the endless momentum caused their eyebrows to furrow tightly.

“Bang!”

Lin Dong caught a Demonic Beast that was pouncing over with his hand as a force flew out from the center of his palm and directly burst apart the Demonic Beast's head. Just as he was about

to casually throw it away, he suddenly felt an energy undulation. Immediately, a suction force erupted from the center of his palm as a scarlet red object shot out from the Demonic Beast's head.

Lin Dong caught the scarlet red object and took a look at it, discovering that it was something similar to a Demonic Crystal. However, there were traces of fiery red energy within this Demonic Crystal.

“The ancient battlefield Demonic Beast Demonic Crystal actually contains Nirvana Energy!”

When he sensed that sliver of fiery red energy, astonishment flitted across Lin Dong's eyes. No wonder the bodies of the Demonic Beasts here were as tough as metal. It turns out that they had become stronger after absorbing Nirvana Energy.

Lin Dong grasped the Demonic Crystal as Devouring Power erupted from the center of his palm and directly devoured all the Nirvana Energy contained within, while the Demonic Crystal turned to dust and scattered. However, Lin Dong felt a little regretful that there was not much Nirvana Energy inside the Demonic Crystal, and was merely a tiny sliver. Yet, if he devoured a thousand or a hundred Demonic Crystals at the same time, it would have a rather good effect.

“To think that these Demonic Beasts have such a use.”

After tasting the benefits of the Demonic Crystal, an excited look involuntarily surfaced in Lin Dong's eyes when he once again lifted

his head to look at the scarlet red demonic horde. At this moment, these ferocious Demonic Beasts seemed to have become round Nirvana pills that were rolling around. If he was able to devour all the Demonic Beast crystals here, he would be able to produce at least a thousand Nirvana pills!

This was a rather enormous figure. One should know that the amount of Nirvana pills Lin Dong currently had was only slightly over a thousand. If he could devour these Demonic Crystals, his hoard of Nirvana pills would double!

Compared to painstakingly refining them, this was truly a shortcut to obtaining Nirvana pills!

“Truly good stuff!”

When his thoughts reached this point, Lin Dong’s foot pushed off the city wall as his body flew down from the city wall under Mo Ling and the rest’s shocked gazes. A resplendent sun exploded from his body, and every time his fist swung, an astonishing Yuan Power undulation erupted out. Scarlet red Demonic Beasts were blown apart one after another by the formidable fist force when they approached the one foot radius around his body. Meanwhile, Demonic Crystals flew out one after another before being swept into Lin Dong’s sleeve and instantly devoured, transforming into threads of fiery hot Nirvana Energy that coursed through Lin Dong’s limbs and bones, causing the Yuan Power in his body to become increasingly concentrated and powerful!

The effect of this kind of cultivation during battle was truly delicious!

When the crowd atop the city walls saw this scene, several of their expressions changed. This was not the first time they had killed Demonic Beasts, hence they naturally knew of the Nirvana Energy within the Demonic Crystals. Yet, they dare not charge into the demonic horde like Lin Dong, after all, they did not have the Devouring Ancestral Symbol and thus could not instantly refine the Demonic Crystals, using the Nirvana Energy within to replenish the energy consumption of the body. Once they ran out of steam within the demonic horde, they would be immediately crushed until even fragments no longer remained. Therefore, they could only greedily watch Lin Dong's outrageous actions.

On a high tower, Xia Huang watched Lin Dong display his might, as a sinister look flowed in his eyes, before he muttered in a low voice: "Brat, use all your strength to hunt for Demonic Crystals. When the demonic horde is over, I will let you understand that rewards of all your hard work will eventually be mine!"

"My Saint Light Empire is the ruler of this gathering point, all if you are merely pill slaves that refine Nirvana pills for us!"

Chapter 404: Massacre

Bang! Bang!

Amidst the scarlet red wave of demons, a blazing sun ascended. Fist shadows flashed, while several formidable Yuan Power shockwave erupted forth. Thanks to this formidable strength, even though these Demonic Beasts were as hard as steel, the instant they made contact, all of them were blown apart when that force entered their bodies. Finally, a blood-red beam shot out from within their flesh, before it flew into that person's sleeve.

That figure was naturally Lin Dong. Right now, his aura was several times more powerful than before. Meanwhile, the Yuan Power undulated on his body strengthened. Evidently, this massacre had really benefited him.

“Wonderful!”

Lin Dong waved his fists as he directly blew apart an incoming Demonic Beasts. Then, he stretched out his arm before it directly swallowed that Demonic Crystal and transformed into a trace of Nirvana Qi. As it coursed through his body and he felt the growing Yuan Power in his body, he felt extremely overjoyed as well.

Right now, the entire city wall had descended into a fierce battle. As they faced such a large demonic horde, several of them began to panic. Thankfully, most of them were geniuses from their respective dynasty and thanks to their teamwork, they were actually be able to completely guard the city wall. After all, even

though the Demonic Beasts are venomous, they do not possess human's intellect.

Mo Ling and the two of them were guarding their respective sections of the city wall. Furthermore, while they fought against the Demonic Beasts, their eyes continuously turned to look at a figure in the middle of the demonic horde. Even though there was a massive wave of demons, that person was just like a boat in the middle of a storm. Regardless of how the storm raged, it would not capsize under any circumstances.

“Lin Dong is indeed formidable.”

As they stared at this sight, Mo Ling and the rest had no choice but to admit that Lin Dong was indeed more powerful than them. At the very least, if they dashed right into the wave of demons, they would not be able to last this long without showing any signs of exhaustion.

Beside the three of them, Lin Langtian's face was grim as he stared at that figure in the middle of the demonic horde. Meanwhile, his eyes glimmered and no one could tell what he was thinking of.

The fight was going on below the city wall. As more of them increasingly got used to the fight and they enjoyed the benefits from that trace of Nirvana Qi inside the Demonic Beast's Demonic Crystal, some of the highly skilled individuals actually dashed down the city wall. However, they did not jump right into the wave of demons, instead they chose to stuck close to the city wall and kill those Demonic Beasts in order to obtain their Demonic

Crystals.

Due to their fierce resistance, this demonic horde gradually subsided. This fact caused several of them to heave a sigh of relief. As this rate, they should be able to survive.

“This wave of demons is merely so...”

Just as a fierce fight was erupting around the city walls, on top of the central spire in the middle of the city, several of them stood upright. Their eyes swept across the entire city wall just like they were royalty. When they saw that the demonic horde had been halted, one of them callously said.

On top of the spire, there were a total of eight figures. Right now, Xia Huang, who had a grudge with Lin Dong and the rest, were also at this spot. Evidently, there were the elite Sacred Light Empire practitioners.

Amongst the eight of them, there was a man dressed in green robes. This man looked extremely handsome. However, his lips were shaped like blades and they led everyone to understand that this man was not kind buddha.

That man stood right in front, and even that arrogant Xia Huang had no choice but to stand behind him. Evidently, this man in green robes was the only peak Manifestation practitioner in this area.

“Right now, for this current demonic horde, they are merely Qi Creation stage Demonic Beasts. Soon after, perhaps a Manifestation stage Demonic Beasts will appear. In fact, I can feel that there is an aura within that wave of demons that can match up to a Manifestation stage practitioner...” The man in green robes glanced at the demonic horde outside of the city, while he casually said.

“A peak Manifestation stage Demonic Beast is merely so. Based on Senior Li’s ability, as long as it is not a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, no one can match up against you!” Behind that man in green robes, a man smiled as he said.

“Of course, Senior Li is a rare talent from Sacred Light Empire that only appears once in a hundred years. There is hardly anyone below Nirvana stage that can match up against him. At that time, when that beast dares to show up, senior will directly slaughter it and obtain its Demonic Crystal. I believe such a powerful Demonic Beast’s Demonic Crystal must contain quite a substantial amount of Nirvana Qi.”

“Based on Senior Li’s ability, it will not be long before he can breakthrough to Nirvana stage. At that time, we will be able to head deep into the ancient battlefield. At that area, the Nirvana Qi contained between Heaven and Earth is several times richer compared to outside! If we train there, we will be able to make rapid progress!”

When they heard those flattering words behind him, that man dressed in green robes gently smiled. As he played with a piece of jade in his hand, there was an unconscionable arrogance plastered

on his face. Right now, in this focal point, he is the king. That is because strength is everything in this world!

“Growl!”

As all of them on top of the spire were chatting, in the middle of the demonic horde, a series of venomous growls suddenly echoed out. Soon after, the crowds saw several gigantic blood-red Demonic Beasts stomping on the ground before they rammed against the city wall. Within these blood-red Demonic Beasts, an aura that did not lose out to a Manifestation stage practitioner erupted forth, causing several people, who were standing on top of the city wall, to panic. Immediately, all the elite practitioners that were hunting the Demonic Beasts below the wall quickly returned back to the city walls. Though they could easily kill the rest of the Demonic Beasts, against these Demonic Beasts, which were also at Manifestation stage, they had to be cautious.

These group of Manifestation Demonic Beasts that suddenly appeared naturally drew Lin Dong's attention. However, he did not panic, instead a tinge of delight flowed in his eyes.

“You guys have came at the right time. I can make use of you guys to attack advanced Manifestation stage!”

Potent Yuan Power enveloped Lin Dong's body. Then, he gripped his palm, before his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear immediately appeared. Meanwhile, an exceedingly formidable aura swept forth.

Swoosh!

Lin Dong's hand gripped onto his bone spear, while his body directly dashed towards that group of Manifestation Demonic Beasts. As he hovered in mid-air, he waved his bone-spear before several spear shadows immediately flashed across the horizon and rained down on those gigantic Manifestation Demonic Beasts.

Buzz Buzz Buzz!

These Manifestation Demonic Beasts were far more sturdy compared to the other Demonic Beasts. In fact, even if a Manifestation practitioner landed a direct punch, it would hardly cause much damage to them. However, though their bodies were sturdy, when they encountered Lin Dong's Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear, they became weak just like tofu. Everywhere his spear shadow flashed by, a Manifestation Demonic Beasts would be directly ripped apart by this bone spear, before they collapsed on the ground.

This was a complete massacre. Everywhere Lin Dong passed by, his bone shadows flashed by as well. Furthermore, each time around, he would cause streaks of blood to spurt forth, while he continuously absorbed their Demonic Crystals, that were filled with Nirvana Qi, before he instantly devoured and refined them.

As he quickly devoured them, the Yuan Power in Lin Dong's body grew. Meanwhile, his aura became increasingly powerful. In fact, he even faintly showed signs of breaking through to advanced Manifestation stage!

On top of the city wall, the crowds stared at that domineering figure in the middle of the wave of demons, while they gasped in shock. After all, none of them could wilfully rip through these advanced Manifestation Demonic Beasts.

“What a great Earthly Soul Treasure!”

However, the commotion was simply too overwhelming. Therefore, even the figures standing on top of the spire turned to look at it. The man dressed in green robes, who was their leader, gently fiddled his thumbs while he stared curiously at the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear in Lin Dong’s hand before he slowly said.

“Pfft, that fellow is merely at initial Manifestation stage. The reason why he is so powerful is all due to that Earthly Soul Treasure in his possession. Senior Li, only you can bring out the full potential of such a treasure. That country bumpkin does not deserve it!” That Xia Huang’s expression was grim as he promptly said.

“That kid is about to break through to advanced Manifestation stage!” One of them exclaimed in shock.

“Advanced Manifestation practitioner is nothing to me. After this wave of demon ends, ask that man to see me. I am quite interested in his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear. As long as he gives that Soul Treasure to me, I will personally ensure that he remains safe in the ancient battlefield.” That man dressed in green robes gently smiled before he casually said.

“Yes!”

When he heard his words, Xia Huang instantly responded. As he stared at that figure wilfully coursing through the wave of demons, a grin involuntarily flashed across his face. What a fool. How dare he brazenly show off his treasure, what a stupid fellow...

“Buzz buzz!”

That bone spear danced just like a poisonous snake. With an indescribable penetrating aura, it viciously stabbed two advanced Manifestation Demonic Beasts. In fact, their sturdy physical bodies were nothing in front of that bone spear. This sight caused Lin Dong to understand just how vicious his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear was. Without this spear, he could not massacre these Manifestation Demonic Beasts just like he was killing chickens...

After he killed those two Manifestation Demonic Beasts, the aura in Lin Dong's entire body seemed to have been pushed to its breaking point. In fact, Yuan Power was even boiling in his eyes. He could clearly feel that he was merely one small step away from reaching advanced Manifestation stage!

“Growl!”

However, just as Lin Dong was delighted by this fact, suddenly, at a deep section within the demonic horde, an earth-shattering roar suddenly erupted forth. Then, an extremely massive Demonic Beast slowly appeared. At the same time, a vicious and savage aura

that caused severe people's expression to change dramatically, slowly spread out.

When this unique Manifestation Demonic Beast appeared, it immediately transformed into a black lightning before it dashed towards Lin Dong. Evidently, it was extremely outrage after witnessing Lin Dong massacre these demonic beasts.

“Peak Manifestation Demonic Beast!”

As they stared at that massive Demonic Beast, several of them sucked in a breath of cold air. They had never expected that there was actually such a vicious existence amongst the wave of demonic beast...

“That fellow is truly unfortunate!”

While some of them were pitying Lin Dong, who was stuck deep within the wave of demons. They also knew that it was not so easy to obtain these Demonic Crystals. Therefore, it was time for Lin Dong to pay the price!

“Peak Manifestation Demonic Beast!”

After Lin Dong directly speared a Demonic Beast, his eyes also turned to look at that massive incoming Demonic Beast. However, he did not panic at all, instead a thick delight flowed in his eyes.

After all, he knew that if he could successfully obtain that peak

Manifestation Demonic Beast's crystal, he would immediately breakthrough to advanced Manifestation stage!

Chapter 405: Snatching food from a tiger's mouth

“Rumble! Tumble!”

A gigantic scarlet Demonic Beast, whose entire body seemed to be doused in blood, charged frantically towards Lin Dong with earth-shaking footsteps that were accompanied by a barbaric aura. Under such a powerful charge, the vast land started to tremble.

As the gigantic Demonic Beast moved closer, Lin Dong could clearly see its appearance. The Demonic Beast looked like an enormous devil scorpion and its entire body was covered with a layer of scarlet armour that appeared to be extremely sturdy. Furthermore, the air seemed to be torn apart when it brandished its two metallic pincers through the air. There was also a faint foul smell coming from its pincers that were extremely toxic.

“Earth Devil Scorpion.”

As he gazed upon this powerful Demonic Beast, a tinge of awe flashed across Lin Dong's eyes. Apparently, he had identified the origin of this Demonic Beast. Even though this monster was not an Ancient-type species, it was still stronger than any other ordinary Demonic Beasts. Most importantly, this monster was only one step away from reaching Nirvana stage. Once it broke through and reached Nirvana stage, it could develop high spirit intelligence and it might even break free from its demonic form if chance permitted so.

“Hiss! Hiss!”

The Earth Devil Scorpion's body was overflowing with a bloody aura and a thick blood stench was spreading from its body. Its pair of scarlet eyes was filled with ruthlessness and cruelty. As it brandished its metallic pincers, blood-red gales ripped out and easily tore apart those unlucky Demonic Beasts that were in its way, creating a rain of blood throughout the sky while displaying terror and might.

At this moment, Lin Dong stopped in his tracks. Holding the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear in his hand, Lin Dong stared tightly at the incoming Earth Devil Scorpion, which was accompanied by a terrifying and suppressing aura. This was the first time he had come across such a powerful Demonic Beast. As compared to the Earth Devil Scorpion, the Ancient Dragon Ape that he encountered in the Great Desolate Province was so much weaker.

The peak Manifestation stage was only one step away from the Nirvana stage. If it could take that final step, it would change completely and become extremely powerful.

“Boom!”

As Lin Dong braced his spear, the Earth Devil Scorpion was already charging towards him. A brandishing pair of mountain-snapping metallic pincers was slicing at Lin Dong's body's mid-section. If Lin Dong was directly hit by such a powerful attack, he would definitely get hurt.

“Ding!”

Facing the Earth Devil Scorpion, which was equivalent to a peak Manifestation stage, Lin Dong definitely would not let his guard down. Immediately, his feet activated Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps and his body became a wisp of green smoke and dodged the devil scorpion’s metallic pincers. Then, with a jolt of his bone spear, Lin Dong shot out a spear shadow which was thrust towards the pair of metallic pincers with a lightning-like speed.

As the spear and the pair of pincers made contact, a loud and crisp sound erupted and sparks were flying in all directions. A visible energy diffused and crushed numerous Demonic Beasts in the surroundings to death.

Thud! Thud!

Under such a powerful collision, Lin Dong was driven back several steps. The Earth Devil Scorpion’s strength was not only at the level of peak Manifestation stage, but it might even be higher than that. Under the collision, even Lin Dong, who took pride in his strong and sturdy physical body, showed signs of being in a disadvantageous position.

“Haha, it is worthy of being a peak Manifestation stage Demonic Beast!” Despite being in a disadvantageous position, Lin Dong’s eyes blazed with fervour. As he took a step forward, the Yuan Power in his body began to boil. At this moment, the Yuan Power

in his body was extremely vigorous and wanted to make use of this epic battle to achieve a breakthrough!

“Swoosh!”

Lin Dong’s figure flew out like an artillery shell. Stepping on nothing but air, and with a profound stance, he brandished his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear and created a sky full of spear shadows, which then poured down in torrents on the Earth Devil Scorpion.

At this moment, amongst the demonic horde, this area of fighting had become the focal point of everyone’s eyes. When they saw Lin Dong being driven back by the Earth Devil Scorpion’s attack, they could not help but shook their heads. A peak Manifestation stage Demonic Beast was indeed something that he could not withstand.

“Humph, what a reckless trash. How can he think about defeating a peak Manifestation stage Demonic Beast?” Xia Huang sneered while standing on the stone tower and watching this scene unfold.

“It doesn’t matter if he dies. Most importantly, we cannot let the Earthly Soul Treasure be destroyed. Later, when he and the Demonic Beast are tired out, I will take actions and kill the Demonic Beast. Then, I will obtain the Demonic Crystal and conveniently take his bone spear as well,” The man in the green robes said indifferently.

“Haha, it appears that Senior Li wants to be the fisherman in this fight. However, if that’s the case, those country bumpkins from the Great Yan Empire may not be able to take it,” Xia Huang smiled after he heard the green-robed man’s words.

“They can’t take it? Then, we will kill them. It is a disgrace for an ant-like empire like them to come here...” The green-robed man played with his thumb and said plainly in a tone that was filled with contempt.

While they were talking, the area of fighting in the demonic horde was getting more and more intense. The Yuan Power in Lin Dong’s body was whistling. With a powerful physical endurance, Lin Dong did not collapse like what other people had expected him to do so.

“Ding! Ding! Ding!”

As the torrents of spear shadows landed on the body of the Earth Devil Scorpion, massive sparks erupted. The body armour of the Earth Devil Scorpion was strong enough to defend it from a peak Manifestation stage elite’s attacks. However, Lin Dong’s Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear was far too sharp. As the spear shadows hit its target, numerous spear scars appeared on the armour of the devil scorpion.

“Roar!”

Due to the pains inflicted on its entire body, the Earth Devil Scorpion bellowed angrily. It then opened its mouth fiercely and

shot out a foul-smelling, blood-coloured energy towards Lin Dong.

“Nine Destruction Purple Shadow!”

Facing an all-out retaliation from the Earth Devil Scorpion, Lin Dong’s feet stepped into a rhythm and nine savaged shadows appeared behind him in a lightning speed. Then, with a glint in his eyes, the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear shot out from his hand!

Swoosh!

As the bone spear shot out, it created a ripple in the air space. Currently, Lin Dong had mastered the skill of Nine Destruction Purple Shadow to the point of perfection. Not only could it be applied on boxing technique, but it also could be applied on spear technique.

The bone spear was shrouded in majestic Yuan Power and when it collided fearlessly with the blood-coloured energy, a gust of sharp wind swept up and ripped apart the blood-coloured energy.

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, First Finger Imprisoning The World!”

As the blood-coloured energy was ripped apart, an ancient giant finger materialized in the sky. Accompanied by intense pressure, the ancient finger came down from the sky with a lightning speed and blasted ruthlessly on the body of the Earth Devil Scorpion.

“Bang!”

This attack was especially vicious. Even the enormous body of the Earth Devil Scorpion was driven back several feet. The gales that accompanied the attack exploded several unlucky Demonic Beasts.

“Manifestation martial arts!” Lin Dong’s attacks had caused commotions on the city wall.

“Such a surprising lad. I am afraid this Manifestation martial art of his is a mid-grade Manifestation martial art. It’s shocking to see someone from a small empire possessing such powerful Earthly Soul Treasure and Manifestation martial art,” The green-robed man startled and then said interestingly.

“Mid-grade Manifestation martial art?” After hearing these words, a greedy look flashed across Xia Huang’s eyes. He then whispered, “Hey, Senior Li. Even though you possess such grade of Manifestation martial art as well, but if you can have one more kind of such Manifestation martial art, your fighting capabilities can increase another level. We cannot let this lad off.”

“Anything I have my eyes on naturally belongs to me,” The green-robed man smiled plainly. In his tone, it appeared that the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear and Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger had already become his belongings.

As he was talking, his eyes squinted at the area of fighting in the demonic horde. Not only was there a slight surprise in his eyes, but

there was an obvious sneer on his face as well.

“That Demonic Beast seems to show signs of exhaustion. This lad appears to be quite capable. However, a filth from a small empire like him has no rights to enjoy a Demonic Crystal of such grade...”

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“Bang!”

In the demonic horde, the Earth Devil Scorpion had gradually stabilized himself after being knocked back by Lin Dong. In front of it, there was a long and deep trench mark. Furthermore, a few cracks had opened up on the extremely hard armour that covered the area where its brain was located at. Obviously, these injuries were inflicted by Lin Dong’s vicious ancient finger.

After being injured by Lin Dong till such extent, the Earth Devil Scorpion was extremely furious. Its eyes were flickering with malevolence and ruthlessness, as if it wanted to crush Lin Dong with its bite.

However, Lin Dong did not fluster at the sight of the scarlet and angry glints in the monster’s eyes. He then became a wisp of green smoke while the Yuan Power in his body boiled to a point that it was burning. This was a sign of his breakthrough. He desperately needed the Demonic Crystal of this peak Manifestation stage Demonic Beast to complete the last step and successfully broke through the advanced Manifestation stage!

“Prepare to die!”

Lin Dong’s body appeared on top of the Earth Devil Scorpion. With a jolt of his mind, surging Mental Energy gathered at the bone spear and became a whirled around the spear like a whirlpool. A violent suction power then began to spread. With a jerk of the spear, the spear pierced with a lightning speed towards the direction of the Earth Devil Scorpion’s brain, accompanied by deafening whizzing sound.

If the spear was able to strike its target, raging Mental Energy would enter the Earth Devil Scorpion’s body and crushed its spirit intelligence!

However, just as Lin Dong’s bone spear was about to strike the Earth Devil Scorpion’s wound, a extremely powerful gust of wind swept up behind him. A cold voice then rang upon his ears.

“So you are Lin Dong right? This time around, you have contributed greatly in the defense of the city and I will reward you for that. However, I will be in charge of dealing with this Demonic Beast now.”

Upon hearing this cold voice, Lin Dong’s eyes was surging with ghastliness.

Chapter 406: Li Sheng

When he sensed the rapidly incoming vicious Yuan Power shockwave behind him, Lin Dong's eyes glimmered. However, he showed no signs of turning around. The shockwave behind him was indeed extremely formidable, so much so that it was even more powerful than Lin Langtian, Mo Ling and the rest. Evidently, the person who attacked must be the peak Manifestation practitioner from the Saint Light Empire.

When he realized who had attacked, a vicious glint surfaced Lin Dong's eyes. Right now, the killing intent in his heart had reached its boiling point. Not only were these scumbags from the Saint Light Empire extremely overbearing, they even dared to attack him and snatch his Demonic Crystal. Their despicable actions were simply too outrageous!

Given on Lin Dong's character, if someone wanted to snatch the peak Manifestation Demonic Crystal away from him, let alone a peak Manifestation stage practitioner, even if it were a Nirvana stage practitioner, Lin Dong would make him pay!

However, before that, he must first obtain this Earth Devil Scorpion's Demonic Crystal!

“Buzz!”

This thought flashed across Lin Dong's mind, however, the bone spear in his hand did not slow down. Instead, it moved thrust forward at an extremely rapid speed before it viciously stabbed at

that Earth Devil Scorpion's wound.

“Kid, how dare you!”

Lin Dong's actions were immediately discovered by the one who had attacked behind him. Immediately, he shouted out in rage. A potent Yuan Power erupted within his palm, before he viciously slammed his palm at Lin Dong's back. From the power of the blow, it was evident that he did not plan to spare Lin Dong.

“Humph!”

When he sensed the increasingly ferocious palm wind behind him, Lin Dong's mind moved as a surge of Mental Energy gushed forth from his Niwan Palace. Instantly, it transformed into a large skull behind his back as a piercing Mental Energy sonic boom erupted, causing all the surrounding Demonic Beasts, that were leaping towards him, to be instantly blown apart by this Mental Energy sonicboom.

A figure swiftly appeared behind Lin Dong's back. He was dressed in green robes and was indeed the peak Manifestation practitioner from the Saint Light Empire. When he saw that Lin Dong actually dared to resist and totally ignored his shouts, his face turned increasingly dark. Over this period of time, he naturally thought that no one in this area dared to challenge his authority. However, he never expected Lin Dong to actually ignore him. This was something that he could not accept.

“Overestimating yourself!”

The green-robed man's expression darkened. As he twirled his palm, a wave of extremely formidable Yuan Power smashed into the Mental Energy skull like a whirlwind. With a single palm strike, he directly blew apart the skull.

Nonetheless, although this man was extremely arrogant, he was indeed quite powerful. Though the peak Manifestation stage was only one step up from the advanced Manifestation stage, the difference between them was extremely huge.

Of course, Lin Dong naturally did not expect that just this bit of Mental Energy alone would be able to stop that man. All he needed was to delay the latter for a moment.

Hence, when this elite practitioner from Saint Light Empire, who was addressed as Senior Li, blew apart the skull, Lin Dong's Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear carried a Mental Energy storm as it neatly pierced the crack on the Earth Devil Scorpion's shell.

“Ch!”

An extremely sharp shockwave rushed out from the tip of the bone spear as the solid shell immediately burst apart. Fresh blood spurted out as the bone spear penetrated through it.

“Ss!”

This sudden deadly attack immediately caused the Earth Devil

Scorpion to rage manically. Its large body continuously struggled, while it manically swung its two pincers, causing energy shockwaves that had enough power to blow apart a Manifestation stage practitioner.

“Bang!”

Lin Dong’s eyes were cold, with a thought, the Mental Energy at the tip of his spear erupted, and instantly wiped off all traces of thought and life from the Earth Devil Scorpion!

Though this Demonic Beast’s physical body was extremely powerful, it had yet to refined a Demonic Spirit. Thus, its Mental Energy defences were fairly weak. In the face of Lin Dong’s formidable Mental Energy, the Earth Devil Scorpion did not show much resistance and it immediately died!

The Earth Devil Scorpion’s body immediately stiffened, while an aura of death slowly emerged from it.

When he saw the Earth Devil Scorpion die, Lin Dong quickly jerked his bone spear, directly blowing apart the Earth Devil Scorpion’s brain. Instantly, fresh blood and brain juice spurted out. A suction force flew out from his palm as a palm-sized blood red Demonic Crystal emerged from within the fresh blood and landed in his palm.

When the Demonic Crystal landed in his hands, Lin Dong immediately felt a burning sensation spread out from within his palm. At the same time, waves of potent Nirvana Qi emerged from

within. Compared to an ordinary Demonic Crystal, it at least a dozen times more potent!

When the Demonic Crystal reached his palm, Lin Dong's foot pushed off the Earth Devil Scorpions' corpse as his body flew up. He stared at that green-robed man behind him with a cold and venomous expression, while killing intent flowed in his heart.

“Growl!”

When the Earth Devil Scorpion's corpse landed on the ground, the demonic horde seemed to have lost their leader as they howled at the sky, before quickly retreating like a tidal wave. In a mere ten seconds, the blood-red wave of demonic beasts that had completely filled one's entire vision disappeared into the night.

On the city wall, after experiencing the fearsome and massive battle, when the crowds saw the wave of demonic beasts retreat, they involuntarily heaved a sigh of relief. However, their attention immediately turned towards the two men that were facing off in mid-air outside of the city.

“It's Li Sheng from the Saint Light Empire. It seems like he intends to snatch the peak Manifestation Demonic Beast's Crystal!”

“That kid from Great Yan Empire is truly unfortunate. Li Sheng is only one step away from the Nirvana stage. Even though that kid had previously killed a peak Manifestation Demonic Beast, it was after all a Demonic Beast and not a person.”

“The Saint Light Empire is simply too overbearing. After someone else painstakingly killed that peak Manifestation Demonic Beast, he actually wants to snatch the Demonic Crystal!”

“Shush, who dares to criticize the Saint Light Empire in this place? You remember what happened to the people who offended them!”

“Sigh, those scoundrels...”

“.....”

Atop the city wall, when the crowd stared at the scene in mid-air, a series of soft whispers erupted.

At one corner of the city wall, Mo Ling, Du Yu and Man Shan’s expression changed when they witnessed this sight. Promptly, rage surfaced on their faces. Those Saint Light Empire members were simply too overbearing.

In mid-air, the green-robed man known as Li Sheng wore an icy expression as he stared at Lin Dong. He slowly stretched out his palm and casually said: “Hand over the Demonic Crystal, bone spear and Manifestation martial art. I will guarantee your safety in the ancient battlefield.”

When he heard these words, a sneer involuntarily flashed across Lin Dong’s face. Not only did that fellow want his Demonic

Crystal, he even wanted his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear as well as the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger.

Lin Dong stared at Li Sheng. Moments later, he slowly stretched out his hand. A fiery-red Demonic Crystal sat quietly on his palm, while a rich Nirvana Qi slowly spread out causing the desire in Li Sheng's eyes to intensify.

“Hmm, you are a wise one...”

Lin Dong's actions evidently pleased Li Sheng. However, just as he was about to take the Demonic Crystal, a mocking look flashed across Lin Dong's face. Promptly, he closed his hand, directly crushing the Demonic Crystal as a Devouring Force gushed out and swallowed all the Nirvana Qi into his body.

“Who do you think you are? Ensure my safety in the ancient battlefield? Based on your current strength, you can't even save yourself, yet you still want to save others?” After Lin Dong devoured the Demonic Crystal, he sneered as he said.

This sight was so sudden that Li Sheng had no time to react. Hence, he was stunned for a moment, and he only regained his senses when he heard Lin Dong's mocking words. Immediately, his handsome face looked just like a pig's liver, while an unconcealable rage flowed in his eyes. Evidently, he had never expected that Lin Dong actually dared to fool him!

On the city wall, everyone was silent as they witnessed this scene. Even though many of them were extremely outraged over Li

Sheng's actions, none of them dared to act like Lin Dong and actually challenge him in public. After all, he was the most powerful person around.

“Alright, alright, you peasant. This time around, even if you kneel down and offer me your Soul Treasure and martial arts, I will make you beg for your own death!” Li Sheng was so outraged that his body began to tremble. He stared viciously at Lin Dong, his voice filled with an unconcealable savage killing intent.

An cold light flowed in Lin Dong's eyes. He suddenly took a step forward as streams of savage Yuan Power manically gushed out from his body. As his Yuan Power gushed forth, his aura began to surge steadily until eventually, he finally broke through the final obstacle and reached the advanced Manifestation stage!

After brewing over this period of time, plus the Nirvana Qi inside the previous Demonic Crystal, the current Lin Dong had officially broken through to the advanced Manifestation stage!

His strength had surged once again!

Lin Dong's aura wildly surged around his body, while his icy cold roar rumbled across the horizon like thunder!

“Your Saint Light Empire has been bossing us around these past few days. Do you really believe that you are the overlords of this region? In that case, I shall make you wake up to reality today!”

“You actually dare to call yourselves overlords with just this strength. You must be dreaming!”

On the city wall, many people were dumbstruck when they heard Lin Dong’s roar. Once these words were out, there was no longer any way to peacefully resolve this matter...

Chapter 407: Battling a Peak Manifestation Stage Elite

In the mid-air outside the citywall, Li Sheng stared coldly at Lin Dong. The fury in his heart caused his face to be slightly twisted and he looked extremely sinister. Lin Dong humiliated him in front of so many people and this was something he could not endure given his pride and arrogance.

“It appears that I may have been too soft in my approach, so much so that even a filth from a small empire dares to disrespect me!” Li Sheng’s sinister voice was filled with apparent rage and killer intent.

“You really think that by stepping into the advanced Manifestation Stage, you can challenge me? You don’t how many advanced Manifestation Stage practitioners have died in my hands. Today, I will make you one of them!”

At this moment, the Saint Light Empire’s elites, who were standing on the citywall, were enraged by Lin Dong’s words as well. Immediately, all of their eyes were surging with killer intent. They flew down and encircled Lin Dong and blocked all his escape routes. Apparently, they were not going to let Lin Dong off today.

When Mo Ling, Du Yun and Man Shan saw this, their facial expression changed drastically. They looked at each other and clenched their teeth. Then, they flew out and appeared by Lin Dong’s side while looking vigilantly at the Saint Light Empire’s elites.

“Mo Ling, it appears you want to lead all of the Great Yan Empire’s men to death!” Xia Huang smirked coldly as he saw Mo Ling and his counterparts’ actions.

“So all of them are from the Great Yan Empire? Let’s kill all of them. Otherwise, it will be troublesome if any of their kind appears occasionally in the future...” Li Sheng said as he looked coldly at Mo Ling and his counterparts.

“Hey, I’m not related to them in any ways. Lin Dong and I are arch-enemies, so if the gentlemen of the Saint Light Empire can kill him for me, I will be very thankful,” Lin Langtian chuckled grimly as he stared at them from the citywall.

“Lin Langtian!” Upon hearing these words, Mo Ling and his counterparts were furious.

“Pfft, that guy courts his own death and he deserves this. I advise all of you to leave him as soon as possible. Sooner or later, an idiot like him will encumber all of you!” Lin Langtian sneered. He could not wait to see Lin Dong get killed by Li Sheng and his counterparts. Given his nature, how could he not strike Lin Dong while the latter was in trouble at this moment.

“You are quite a tactful person.”

Li Sheng took a glance at Lin Langtian and smiled plainly. Then, the former turned to look at Mo Ling and his counterparts and said, “The Saint Light Empire will never use its strength to bully

others. As long as all of you leave now, I can treat it as if nothing has happened. Of course, this lad will have to pay for his insolence today. The dignity of the Saint Light Empire shall not tolerate any provocations.”

Upon hearing this words, Mo Ling and the rest looked at each other and smiled bitterly while shaking their heads. For some reasons, they had unwavering confidence in Lin Dong. Even though they knew that they are facing the Saint Light Empire’s elites, they did feel hopeless at all.

However, just as they decided to stand by Lin Dong, the latter suddenly opened his mouth and said, “Brother Mo Ling, all of you retreat first. I can handle this situation.”

Upon hearing these words, Mo Ling and the rest were stunned. They turned around and saw a smiling Lin Dong while their eyes surged with deep doubt. They did not doubt Lin Dong’s capabilities but Li Sheng truly was a peak Manifestation elite after all. Besides, the abilities that the latter possessed were far more mightier than theirs. Even though Lin Dong had defeated Wang Zhong, Li Sheng was much more powerful than Wang Zhong...

Despite the doubts they had in their minds, they had nothing to say now. After a moment of silence, they could only nod their heads quietly and muttered, “ Be careful. If you can’t do it, we will escape from here...”

Lin Dong gave slight smile. With regards to Lin Langtian’s action of striking him while he was in trouble, Lin Dong was not really surprised. However, what astonished him was that Mo Ling and

the rest were determined in standing by his side. He was someone who would repay others ten times the kindness they had shown him. Therefore, for the sake of the kind intention that Mo Ling and the rest had shown him, he could not disappoint them.

Mo Ling and the rest then slowly floated down and looked anxiously at the mid-air.

“Do you want to fight against me solo or with everyone at the same time?” Lin Dong raise his head to look at Li Sheng and asked calmly after seeing Mo Ling and the rest had retreated.

To the onlookers, Lin Dong’s words appeared to be unnecessary. Given Li Sheng’s arrogance, how was it possible that he would need assistance in fighting someone who had just entered the advanced Manifestation Stage.

And just like what they had expected, a disdain look appeared on Li Sheng’s face after he heard Lin Dong’s words. He then sneered, “Do you really think that you are qualified to challenge me just because you killed a peak Manifestation Demonic Beast? I alone is enough to deal with you!”

“Ok.”

Facing Li Sheng’s disdainful smirk, Lin Dong just replied with one word. The next moment, vigorous Yuan Power erupted abruptly within his body. After breaking through to advanced Manifestation Stage, the Yuan Power in Lin Dong’s body had become much more vigorous in an instant.

“Soon, you will see how foolish your actions are previously!”

Li Sheng’s facial expression did not change a bit even when he saw the eruption of Yuan Power in Lin Dong’s body. Without any hesitation, he took a step forward ferociously and blasted out a punch.

“Saint Light Illumination!”

As Li Sheng blasted out a punch, violent Yuan Power erupted like a volcano from his body. Then, the boundless Yuan Power began to form around his fist and transformed into ten thousand rays of brilliant radiance that swept towards Lin Dong with an astonishing might.

“Boom! Boom!”

Honestly speaking, Li Sheng’s strength was extremely powerful. His attack was terrifying and overwhelming. The ten thousand rays of brilliant radiance contained vigorous Yuan Power and illuminated the entire area, creating waves of energy ripples in the mid-air as well.

“Great Desolate Ocean Splitting Seal!”

Lin Dong’s eyes flickered and his hand-seal changed irregularly. Robust Yuan Power became huge tsunami waves and surged out from his back. Accompanied by a powerful undulation, a light seal

then ripped through the tsunami waves and collided with the ten thousand rays of brilliant radiance.

“Boom!”

At this moment, it appeared that the entire land trembled. The heaps of Demonic Beasts’ corpses were crushed by the energy ripples and became numerous clouds of blood mist.

Just as the energy wave swept across the area, Lin Dong’s feet executed the Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps and he transformed into a wisp of green smoke. With the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear in his hand, he flew out and pierced through the energy ripples violently and aimed towards Li Sheng’s chest with a lightning speed.

“Humph!”

When he saw Lin Dong’s attack, Li Sheng gave a cold snort. Then, he closed his palms before a light shield instantly materialized in front of him.

“Break it!”

However, even when Li Sheng set up his defence, Lin Dong did not stop his attack. With a jolt of his arms, the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear produced a bizarre roar. An exceptionally sharp aura gushed out and landed ruthlessly on the light shield. Immediately, the light shield ruptured. The sharpness of the Heavenly Crocodile

Bone Spear had once again displayed astonishing power.

Li Sheng was surprised by the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear's sharpness as well. His light shield was capable of withstanding all-out attacks from any advanced Manifestation Stage elites, yet in the face of the bone spear, it was utterly useless.

“Do you think you are the only one who possess Earthly Soul Treasure?”

Li Sheng retreated and dodged the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear's sharp tip. Then, with a flip of his hand, a luminous drum appeared on his hand. The luminous drum began to expand in size as it faced the wind and became more than ten feet tall. With a swipe of his robes, a light pillar of Yuan Power landed on the luminous drum. Immediately, a terrifying sonic boom, accompanied by sacred light, shot out from the luminous drum. That intense sonic boom knocked Lin Dong back several steps.

“Lad, I will show you the might of my Saint Light Empire's Saint Light Drum!”

Li Sheng then moved his body and appeared on top of the Saint Light Drum. With a ghastly smile, he stomped his feet on the luminous drum continuously. Immediately, numerous sound waves were produced and formed countless lustrous arrows, so much so that they were able to hide the sky and cover the earth. These lustrous arrows then shot out violently from the drum. This kind of power was extremely terrifying. If an advanced Manifestation Stage elite was hit by this attack, he would be pierced to death by the arrows through his heart.

“Heavenly Crocodile Hiss!”

Facing such a powerful attack from Li Sheng, Lin Dong jerked his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear and imbued it with boundless Yuan Power. Immediately, a brilliant radiance erupted from the bone spear and formed a fearsome ancient crocodile. As the spine-chilling crocodile hissed towards the sky, waves of sonic booms were produced and diffused in a ripple-like way.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

As the multitude of lustrous arrows and the crocodile hiss collided, numerous explosions erupted in the sky. Astonishing energy wave swept across the area like a storm.

Li Sheng was driven back several steps by this energy wave as well. With a flip of the Saint Light Drum, a light screen materialized before him and only then could the energy wave be deflected.

While Li Sheng was driven back, Lin Dong was knocked back several steps as well. However, he was not dispirited at all. Instead, his battle morale was uplifted. Since he had just broken through the advanced Manifestation Stage, he needed a unrestrained epic battle to satisfy himself.

Even though both of them engaged each other multiple times, there was still no obvious signs of which side was winning. This led the onlookers to feel shocked as well. Initially, they thought

once Li Sheng took actions, Lin Dong would collapse quickly. However, no one had expected Lin Dong to sustain so long in such an epic battle. This certainly surprised some onlookers. No wonder Lin Dong was not afraid of Li Sheng. It appeared that the former's fighting capabilities far surpassed his capabilities on the surface....

As Xia Huang saw this, his face became unsightly. However, he then sneered, "Even though this lad has some capabilities, but soon he will regret it. How dare a filth from a small empire dare to challenge the son of God in Senior Li, he certainly overestimates his capabilities!"

"Boom!"

At this moment, it was as if Li Sheng agreed with his mockings, numerous brilliant rays of light erupted from the former's body in the mid-air. These rays of light then coagulated and formed a gigantic luminous elephant. A scary energy fluctuation and suppressive force was emitting from it.

"Lad, you will be the first person to witness the prowess of Saint Light Empire's Manifestation martial arts and you should be proud of yourself. Of course, you will have to pay with your life!"

As the oppressive force spread, Li Sheng's voice, which was filled with killer intent, rumbled through the sky like thunder rolls!

Chapter 408: Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle

Resplendent rays coupled with an extremely formidable Yuan Power shockwave erupted from Li Sheng's body. Under the blinding light, it seemed like night had turned to day.

Light flowed across the horizon. Faintly, there seemed to be a titanic glowing elephant amidst the bright light. The giant elephant towered in the sky, as if the like the entire world was contained beneath its feet. Meanwhile, an energy ripple, that could support the sky, slowly spread out, causing ripples to erupt in the air.

Meanwhile, Li Sheng's body hovered right in front of the large glowing elephant while a venomous and cold expression filled his face. Thanks to the glowing light, his whole body was filled with an exceedingly powerful aura, causing no one to dare underestimate him.

“Such formidable Yuan Power undulations...It must be a Manifestation martial art!”

On the city wall, several people stared in awe at the life-like large glowing elephant behind Li Sheng. Its formidable pressure and undulations indicated that it must be a Manifestation martial art!

“Humph, what an arrogant brat. He actually forced Senior Li to execute his ‘Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle’. Looks like there will be no need to watch this fight any more. Once Senior Li

attacks, that fellow will immediately be crushed into a meat pulp.” When Xia Huang saw this scene, his pupils shrunk before he promptly chuckled.

“Of course, Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle is a mid-grade Manifestation martial art. A single strike is powerful enough to destroy an entire mountain. Furthermore, when combined with Senior Li’s peak Manifestation stage strength, Lin Dong is definitely doomed!”

“It seems like Senior Li is no longer in the mood to play with that fellow... That’s fine as well. Let’s take care of him quickly, the night is truly uncomfortable.”

The other elite Saint Light Empire practitioners chuckled. Evidently, they believed that once Li Sheng used this move, the outcome of the fight was already decided.

“Such a formidable Manifestation martial art.”

Mo Ling and the rest’s facial expression turned exceptionally solemn. The pressuring aura emerging from mid-air made them understood that if they were in his shoes and had to face such a powerful attack, even if they could withstand it, they would have to pay a heavy price.

“I don’t know if Lin Dong is able to handle such an attack...” The three of them glanced at one another. They could all see worry in their respective eyes. The attack this time around would likely end the fight.

In mid-air, Lin Dong's expression also turned increasingly solemn when he saw the giant glowing elephant materialize behind Li Sheng. From the ripples, he could sense that Li Sheng's Manifestation martial arts would not lose out to the Manifestation martial arts that Lin Langtian had obtained from the Manifestation martial tablet, 'Hand of the Universal Emperor'. In fact, since Li Sheng was more powerful than Lin Langtian, when he used his Manifestation martial art, the strength of his attack was even more formidable. In fact, even other peak Manifestation stage practitioners would have no choice but to dodge this attack.

However, though others had to dodge his attack, Lin Dong had no need to fear. Even though Li Sheng's Manifestation martial arts was extremely powerful, right now, his strength had surged as well. Therefore, one would only know the final outcome after a fight!

“Kid, right now, I won't even give you the chance to repent. I will let everyone know the consequences of offending me!”

Li Sheng's foot stepped on the light, as he stared venomously at Lin Dong. As he sensed that majestic aura behind him, he became extremely confident. After he used this move, not to mention the advanced Manifestation stage, even if Lin Dong was at the peak Manifestation stage, he would still die!

After he shouted, Li Sheng evidently did not plan to give Lin Dong any time to breathe. As he took a step back, he immediately leapt into the head of the large glowing elephant. The large

elephant howled at the sky as a deafening roar echoed out.

“Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle!”

The giant elephant cried while it charged forward. Light rushed out, making it resemble an apocalyptic elephant that could destroy the world. Its rumbling footsteps shook the heavens as it carried terrifying energy ripples and brazenly charged at Lin Dong!

Boom! Boom!

Everywhere that giant elephant passed, a near hundred meter ditch would be forcefully torn apart on the ground below. Moreover, anything that the giant elephant slammed against would instantly crumble to dust.

As he stared at the large glowing elephant that was rapidly growing in his eyes, Lin Dong's face turned exceedingly solemn. His feet executed the Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps, while he quickly retreated. At the same time, his hands swiftly executed various hand seals, while streams of formidable Yuan Power shockwaves whizzed out from within his body.

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, First Finger Imprisoning The World!”

With a formidable glint in his eyes, Lin Dong thrust out his finger. Promptly, a large finger filled with an ancient aura broke through the air and emerged from behind him. It viciously pressed

against the large glowing elephant that was tramping across the sky.

“Boom!”

The two of them viciously clashed. However, this time around, the large finger did not last for too long, before it directly ruptured into glowing dots and crumbled.

Nonetheless, though that giant finger was destroyed, it was able to stop the large elephant for a moment.

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, Second Finger Shredding Mountains And Rivers! Third Finger Exterminating All Life!”

After his first finger was destroyed, Lin Dong did not panic at all as he pointed out twice in the air. Immediately, majestic Yuan Power howled across the horizon, while all the Yuan Power in the area began to rage.

“Swoosh!”

Two sturdy and world-changing giant fingers once again materialized above Lin Dong. Following which, the crowds watched in amazement as the fingers flew with a terrifying speed, causing the air to explode before viciously slamming against the large glowing elephant.

“Bang! Bang!”

After they clashed once again, all the air in the area seemed to explode, causing a hurricane unfurl. In fact, even the ground below was forcefully lifted several feet, while several cracks spread out like a spiderweb.

This time around, the large glowing elephant was no longer as dominating as before. After colliding against the two giant fingers, both sides seemed to be at a stalemate, while terrifyingly shockwaves continuously erupted forth.

On the forehead of the large glowing elephant, Li Sheng’s body faintly appeared. When he saw that his attack had been gradually halted, he was extremely shocked. However, the greed in his eyes promptly intensified. It seems like Lin Dong’s martial arts did not lose out to his “Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle”. Therefore, if he could obtain it, his battle ability would surely surge!

“You shall break!”

While greed flowed in his eyes, Li Sheng suddenly growled. Immediately, a blinding sun-like radiance erupted from the large glowing elephant, while its might and aura were pushed to the maximum.

Bang! Bang!

The large elephant howled while its massive body suddenly

pushed forward. Instantly, the land began to tremble, while a terrifying energy shock wave swept forth just like a storm.

Due to the terrifying energy shock wave, the crowds were shocked when they saw several cracks slowly emerge on those two giant fingers. Finally, with a loud bang, they once again blew up. It seems like Li Sheng's Manifestation martial art was truly formidable.

“Kid, remember this. Before you offend someone in your next life, make sure you open your eyes bigger and take a careful look!”

When the giant fingers crumbled, Li Sheng's prideful chuckle emerged from within the large elephant. The large elephant's speed did not decrease, carrying a force that could tackle the heavens before it viciously charged towards Lin Dong.

“Huff!”

As he stared at that rapidly incoming giant elephant, Lin Dong took in a deep breath, his eyes slowly closing. At the same time, all the Yuan Power in his body seemed to have been urged to the maximum, as majestic Yuan Power gushed out from his body like tidal waves, causing the Yuan Power in the area to start churning in an instant!

As the Yuan Power of the land surged, Lin Dong once again lifted up his finger and slowly pointed in the air!

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, Fourth Finger Breaking The Heavens!”

When Lin Dong’s finger thrust out, the space above him was seemingly ripped apart, while an ancient giant finger, which seemed to have come from ancient times, slowly appeared in front of everyone’s eyes.

The large finger was filled with an ancient and world-changing aura. In fact, there were even various ancient patterns on its body. This time around, when Lin Dong used the fourth finger, it was undoubtedly much more powerful and life-like compared to the time when he used it against Lin Langtian. In fact, its shockwaves were enough to strike fear into the hearts of a peak Manifestation practitioner!

When the other Saint Light Empire practitioners saw the giant ancient finger, thick shock filled their eyes. In fact, even the grin on Xia Huang’s face froze. They could all feel an aura of death on the giant finger and all of them knew that if the finger attacked them, regardless of how they resisted, there would only be one outcome, death!

“What a powerful martial art!”

Not only them, even Mo Ling and the rest were stunned. This was the first time that they ever seen Lin Dong use the fourth finger...

“Break!”

Lin Dong's finger pointed in the air, while the giant ancient finger directly ripped through space. Under the stares from the crowd, it appeared in front of the large glowing elephant, before it pressed down!

When the finger pressed down, all the raging Yuan Power in the area seemed to turn silent in an instant. In fact, the majestic large glowing elephant was completely suppressed!

Before the finger landed, there was already a several hundred feet large depression on the ground below!

“Boom!”

The ancient giant finger slowly landed on the large glowing elephant. The entire world turned silent. Under the bewildered stares of the crowd, they saw several tiny cracks slowly appear on the large glowing elephant...

Lin Dong's expression was cold as the edge of a blade as his finger abruptly pointed, completely releasing the full power of the fourth finger!

“Die!”

Chapter 409: Fifth Finger Move The Universe

Snap!

Multiple cracks expanded rapidly throughout the body of the huge lustrous elephant. The powerful aura of the huge lustrous elephant was being suppressed by the incredibly enormous ancient finger.

The luminosity of the huge lustrous elephant began to weaken. At the area where the brain of the elephant was located, Li Sheng's figure started to reveal himself. At this moment, his sneering face was replaced by a face of fear and astonishment. Apparently, he could not imagine that his "Heaven Smashing Saint Elephant" was incapable of stopping Lin Dong's ancient finger.

"High-grade Manifestation martial art!"

After he sensed the mighty and frenzied aura that was seeping from the ancient finger, Li Sheng suddenly came to the realization that the Lin Dong's Manifestation martial art was not a mid-grade one. Instead, it was a genuine high-grade Manifestation martial art!

Even though the two terms differed by only one word, the power disparity between them was like the distance between Heaven and Earth!

“How can it be? How can a filth from a tiny empire possess a high-grade Manifestation martial art!” Li Sheng was bellowing in his heart as he could not believe what he had just seen. High-grade Manifestation martial arts were considered extremely rare even in his Saint Light Empire. It was something that even Li Sheng himself had never possessed before. Therefore, when he saw someone like Lin Dong, who was from a small empire, actually possessed such a martial arts, his heart was naturally in turmoil.

“Snap! Crack!”

However, no matter how incredulous he felt, the incoming pressure was getting more and more terrifying. The huge lustrous elephant was covered with fine cracks and was about to collapse.

“How can a filth like you defeat me!”

Li Sheng’s face ashened while his eyes became bloodshot. Initially, he thought that Lin Dong would be an easy opponent, yet now, he was facing tremendous pressure from the latter. It was unbearable for someone who was proud and arrogant like Li Sheng.

“Roar!”

As Li Sheng’s eyes turned bloodshot, an astonishing intense light erupted from the huge lustrous elephant. Apparently, it was trying to make a final desperate attempt!

“Humph!”

Lin Dong snorted coldly at Li Sheng’s all-out resistance. Suddenly, the former pointed out his finger and that enormous ancient finger’s pressuring aura began to surge again. Then, the ancient finger pressed against the huge lustrous elephant once again.

“Bang!”

As the enormous ancient finger continued to press down, the luminosity of the huge lustrous elephant, which was intensified a few moments ago, began to weaken once again. The cracks on the lustrous elephant’s body became increasingly large. Finally, under the numerous bewildered stares from the onlookers, the lustrous elephant could no longer withstand the giant ancient finger’s formidable pressure and exploded with a loud bang.

Terrifying energy storm swept across the mid-air. The huge lustrous elephant exploded into a sky full of glittering lights that eventually rained down gracefully.

“Cough! Vomit!”

In the midst of the rain of light, a battered figure shot out before he violently spat out a mouthful of fresh blood spat. Then, the figure landed forcefully on the ground. He finally steadied himself after leaving a few kilometres of track on the ground.

Swish!

At this moment, all the gazes shifted abruptly to the sorry figure on the ground. A deafening silence then swept through the onlookers on the citywall as their faces were filled with shock and disbelief.

That was because, the battered figure was Li Sheng!

The Saint Light Empire's elites in the mid-air were dumbstruck at this scene as well. Their facial expressions changed drastically, especially Xia Huang, whose arrogance was thoroughly replaced by intense fear. He could not believe that Li Sheng, who was a peak Manifestation stage elite, would lose so miserably to a mere advanced Manifestation stage practitioner in Lin Dong!

"He actually won..." Mo Ling and the rest took in a breath of cold air as exultation swept across their faces. They were right in their predictions. Lin Dong's hidden abilities were too well-concealed.

On the citywall, Lin Langtian watched gloomily at this scene. The power of Lin Dong's Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger was getting increasingly powerful. He knew that, if it was him under the ancient finger, he would definitely be wounded. After all, his Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger was far too powerful.

In mid-air, Lin Dong stared indifferently at the bloodstained Li Sheng. The frantic energy fluctuation in his body had yet to weaken.

“Senior Li!”

At this moment, the Saint Light Empire’s elites returned to their senses and flew down hastily and appeared beside Li Sheng to help him up.

Right now, Li Sheng was in an extremely sorry state. Not only was his entire body covered with bloodstains, his hair was unkempt and his aura was feeble. Apparently, Lin Dong’s ancient finger had wounded him severely.

After those people helped Li Sheng, the latter then used his hand to wipe off the bloodstain on the corner of his mouth while his body was shivering non-stop. His eyes were surging with madness and malevolence.

“Filth, do you think you can defeat me just like this? Members of the Saint Light Empire, listen to my commands, I want all of you to beat this filth to death!” Like the roar of a wild beast, Li Sheng’s bellow of rage resounded through the air frantically.

At this moment, Li Sheng no longer dared to fight against Lin Dong by himself. As long as he could kill Lin Dong, he was willing to use any means necessary!

After Li Sheng bellowed his commands, a dark-green elixir pill appeared on his palm. He then put it in his mouth and swallowed it. Immediately, his enfeebled aura revitalized once again. It appeared that this guy had a lot of tricks up his sleeves.

Li Sheng's roar had caused a commotion on the citywall. Those elites, who initially sided with the Saint Light Empire, were secretly backing off now. Upon seeing Lin Dong's capabilities, they did not have the courage to take action. Else, if the Saint Light Empire was to collapse, they would face a miserable outcome as well.

Upon seeing the lackluster responses from the people on the citywall, Li Sheng was so angry that he spat out blood. However, he also knew that these opportunists were unreliable. Immediately, he then muttered gloomily, "Set the Saint Light Formation. Today, I will this living filth beg for his own death!"

"Senior Li, why don't we retreat first? There is something weird about this lad and his fighting capabilities are extremely powerful. We will go to the Yang City where Big Senior is located at and we will ask for his help. Then, it will be very easy for us to kill this lad!" One of the Saint Light Empire's elites said. That was because Lin Dong's fighting capabilities had created goosebumps on their skins.

"I repeat, set the Saint Light Formation! There are a total of eight Manifestation stage elites here. If we can't even handle a filth like this, how can we face Big Senior? Li Sheng said eerily while his tone was filled with a berserk killer intent.

"Yes!"

When they heard Li Sheng's eerie words, the Saint Light

Empire's elites shivered with fear as well. They then clenched their teeth and moved their bodies, before they settled into their respective positions with Li Sheng at the heart of their formation. Thus, an abstruse formation began to materialize.

“Li Sheng, does the Saint Light Empire have no sense of shame!?” Mo Ling and the rest yelled angrily while the joyful looks that appeared on their faces previously had disappeared upon witnessing this scene.

“Winners are crowned while losers are vilified, only fools will care about the morality of strategies used!” Li Sheng sneered as he looked malevolently at Lin Dong, who was in the mid-air.

“Set the formation!”

“Swoosh!”

As Li Sheng yelled out his command, intense radiance erupted from the bodies of the other seven advanced Manifestation stage elites. The radiance emitted from each elite began to extend and connect with each other. Boundless and powerful Yuan Power waves were created and started to undulate. The intensity of such energy waves was incapable of any further increase.

As Mo Ling and the rest sensed the energy waves, their facial expression changed drastically. How could anyone beneath the Nirvana stage withstand a powerful formation that had one peak Manifestation stage elite and seven advanced Manifestation stage elites?

“Brother Lin Dong, let’s leave this place!”

Mo Ling and the rest looked at each other and then yelled in the direction of Lin Dong. Given the current situation, it was impossible to continue staying in this place.

“You want to leave? Not so easy!”

Li Sheng smiled eerily while the blood stains on his face made him look like a devil. Then, as he changed his hand-seal, the entire sky surged with rays of light. Within seconds, the sky became an enormous light screen that enveloped the heaven and earth and blocked off Lin Dong’s escape routes as well.

“Saint Light Formation, Purifying Heaven And Earth!”

The rays of light coagulated in the sky and eventually became a gigantic sacred light pillar. Within the light pillar, there was a terrifying energy undulation. It was as if all living things in the world were about to be purified.

“Lin Dong, it’s too early to celebrate. Now, prepare to die!” Li Sheng gave Lin Dong a psychotic look and then laughed wildly towards the sky. Then, with a flip of his palm, the sacred light pillar that contained the Yuan Power of eight men shot out instantly. Accompanied by an irrepressible force, the earth-shattering light pillar pierced through the air and blasted towards Lin Dong!

As Lin Dong saw this, his eyes flickered. However, even when he faced that formation attack which contained the powers of eight men, he did not show any signs of retreating. Instead, under numerous stares from the crowd, he took a step forward and shouted towards the sky with a ice-cold voice.

“Since you still have hope, I shall destroy it thoroughly!”

As he finished his sentence, a formidable Devouring Power erupted from Lin Dong’s body. The Yuan Power between Heaven and Earth gathered in his body with an astonishing speed.

As the Yuan Power gathered in his body, Lin Dong raised his finger and pointed it towards the sky.

When Lin Dong pointed out his finger, a bloody mark formed at his fingertip before droplets of blood began to fall.

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, Fifth Finger Move The Universe!”

As the inexhaustible ancient voice echoed through the sky, the blue dome of heaven ruptured and the Universe moved!

Chapter 410: A Complete Massacre

All the Yuan Power in this domain raged, while streams of potent Yuan Power continuously gathered above Lin Dong's head. Thanks to that terrifying shockwave, even the heavens began to tremble.

Such a formidable attack caused everyone to be in awe. It was very hard for them to imagine how Lin Dong could use his advanced Manifestation stage ability to execute such a terrifying attack!

“Boom!”

Lin Dong jutted out his finger, while fresh blood continuously dripped off his finger tip. Based on this sight, it seems like even Lin Dong's powerful physical body could not withstand the might of this finger!

As fresh blood dripped down, the space above Lin Dong's head was suddenly ripped apart. Immediately, a large finger slowly broke through the air.

When that large finger appeared, an ancient and vicissitude aura immediately permeated the entire domain.

Countless pairs of eyes stared in bewilderment at that giant finger that was breaking through the air. Compared to the previous four fingers, this one seemed even more refined. In fact, there were no traces of savage Yuan Power ripples undulated on its surface.

This large finger gave off a lifelike appearance. The sensation was as if it was not formed from Yuan Power, but rather a genuine finger that came from the past!

That giant finger was approximately several hundred meters wide and it was considered massive to most ordinary people. However, for no particular reason, when this giant finger appeared, everyone felt something missing in their hearts.

After they furrowed their brows and contemplated for a moment, they finally realized that this large finger was not complete. In fact, accurately speaking, it was only half a finger!

It was in fact half a finger that came from the past!

Right now, even though it was only half a finger, when it appeared, the entire heavens seemed to tremble. It seems like its aura instantly exceeds the Sacred Light Large Formation set up by Li Sheng and the rest.

“I bear no grudges against you. If you do not offend me, I shall not offend you. However, if anyone offends me, I will make you pay a hundred times in return!”

Lin Dong stared coldly at Li Sheng and the rest, whose facial expression had also changed. Then, his icy-cold roar ricocheted across the entire domain just like thunder.

“Boom!”

Just as Lin Dong spoke his final word, he viciously swung his finger down. Instantly, the skin on his fingertips tore apart, while fresh blood spurted forth. However, at the same time, that half-finger that came from an ancient land suddenly descended!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

When this half-finger descended, the ground below seemed to crumble instantaneously. Several large cracks quickly extended out. Its aura was extremely terrifying.

Meanwhile, that large half-finger directly flew towards that powerful Sacred Light Glowing Pillar. This Sacred Light attack was filled with Li Sheng and the seven other's full strength and there was hardly anyone below Nirvana stage that could counter against it. However, just because there was hardly anyone doesn't mean that there is no one...

Everyone near the citywall watched tensely, while they sucked in a breath of deep air. Eventually, two extremely destructive attacks finally slammed together, just like two meteors.

“Dong!”

The instant that collided, the entire universe seemed to have started trembling, while an extremely resplendent glow erupted forth and directly lit up the entire area within a hundred mile

radius!

Everyone was enduring the blinding light shining in their eyes, as they stared at point of impact. However, the stalemate that they expected did not materialize. Instead, all they saw was a near unstoppable destructive force!

In front of that god-like finger that came from an ancient land, even Li Sheng and the rest's combined attack could not threaten that lifelike half finger at all.

“Bang!”

That clash lasted for mere seconds, before that powerful Sacred Light Glowing Column began to crumble as the crowd stared in awe.

When they saw those cracks emerging, terror finally gushed into Li Sheng and the rests' faces. They had never expected that even after combining seven advanced Manifestation practitioner's strength and having a peak Manifestation practitioner launch the attack, it was actually swiftly destroyed by Lin Dong.

Right now, Li Sheng finally understood that this peasant that he callously claimed to be from a tiny empire, was actually this terrifying powerful!

However, right now, it was already too late...

“Boom!”

That gigantic Sacred Light Glowing Pillar was unable to withstand the terrifying shockwave contained within that half-finger, as it directly blew apart in front of the crowd's eyes.

A a terrifying energy shock wave swept forth, a storm raged in this domain. Dust and rubbles flew everywhere and even that sturdy citywall was shaken by this impact. Everyone standing on top of the citywall quickly activated their Yuan Power as they tried to stabilize their body.

“Buzz Chh!”

That energy hurricane swept forth, while Li Sheng and the rest, who were right in front, instantly turned pale, before they vomited out mouthfuls of fresh blood. Their aura seemed to have dropped to its lowest point.

“Don't do it. We are members of the Sacred Light Empire. If you kill us, it will lead to severe problems in the future!”

“Our Big Senior is in Yang City and he is far more powerful than Senior Li. He is an enemy that you cannot defeat!”

At this juncture, all the overbearing elite Sacred Light Empire practitioner were finally crying out in fear under the threat of death.

“It’s too late to say those words now!”

Lin Dong was hardly moved by their words. After all, he could barely form this fifth finger and he was not certain if he could call it back. Furthermore, even if he could do so, he would not bother. All these trainings over the years made him understood that if he spared those fellows, they could continuously cause trouble for him in the future.

If he wanted to completely solve this problem, he must be cruel and vicious. A kind-hearted man would not survive in this ancient battlefield!

“If you want to blame someone, blame the fact that you followed a useless Senior!”

As that giant finger filled with destructive force solemnly descended, the entire ground seemed to crumble. When they saw that Lin Dong had no intention of sparing them, Li Sheng and the rests’ expressions drastically changed. Promptly, they quickly activated the remaining Yuan Power in their body and formed a glowing shield.

“Stopping a car with a bug’s hand!” When he saw this situation, Lin Dong chuckled. After that giant finger descended, that glowing shield seemed to have no impact at all as it completely disintegrated. Meanwhile, the terrifying force contained in that giant finger finally descended upon Li Sheng and the rest.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Thanks to that terrifying force, two advanced Manifestation practitioners were instantly ruptured into a bloody mist!

“Lin Dong, you will definitely regret this. How dare you kill members from the Sacred Light Empire. In the future, your outcome will be worse than a dog!” Fresh blood seeped out from Li Sheng’s pores as he venomously growled.

“Big Senior will not let you go. You can’t escape and your outcome will be several hundred times worse than ours!”

“Boom!”

Just as Li Sheng’s venomous growl descended, his entire body was unable to withstand that terrifying force as it blew up with a loud bang.

The entire earth seemed to have turned silent instantly. Everyone stared at the elite Sacred Light Empire practitioners who had all been blown up into a bloody mist, before they started to tremble uncontrollably. With one finger alone, a peak Manifestation practitioner as well as seven advanced Manifestation practitioner were blown up till their corpses did not remain...

Their expressions were filled with respect and fear as they stared at that figure hovering in mid-air. His actions let everyone to understand that the man in front of them was no kind-hearted Buddha. If you offend him, no matter what your background is, he

would show no mercy at all.

Mo Ling and the rest stared at that dent on the ground, while they involuntarily gulped. After all, all the elite Sacred Light Empire practitioner were blown into a bloody mist right in front of their eyes...

On the citywall, when Lin Langtian saw this sight, his expression turned exceedingly grim. He knew that even if it were him, if he faced Lin Dong's fifth finger, even though he had help from the mysterious Yuan Spirit inside his body, he would still be severely wounded.

Right now, Lin Dong's battle potential had completely exceeded his. When he thought of this point, the killing intent in Lin Langtian's heart swelled up. Currently, after such a massive battle, Lin Dong was spent and it was the best time for him to make a move!

Just as a killing intent flowed in Lin Langtian's heart, in mid-air, a slightly pale Lin Dong waved his palm, before a suction force immediately gushed out. Instantly, eight Qiankun bags flew towards him. Since these guys came from Sacred Light Empire, they must have pretty decent possessions. Therefore, Lin Dong was naturally going to keep those as his battle spoils.

After he snatched away all their Qiankun bags, Lin Dong's attention turned towards the citywall. When they saw him turning to look at them, the crowd on the citywall immediately retreated. It seems like no one wanted to be targeted by him.

As the crowd retreated, one figure stood still. However, his expression was exceedingly grim while a rich killing intent flowed in his eyes.

“Lin Langtian, there is no need to hold back. Even if you do not make a move tonight, I will not let you go.”

As he stared at that figure, a similar killing intent flowed in Lin Dongs’ eyes. With regards to this opportunistic bastard, he hated Lin Langtian much more than the Sacred Light Empire’s practitioners!

Regardless, tonight, he must get rid of this thorn in his heart!

Chapter 411: Forced to Leave

Crash.

When Lin Dong's shout that contained ice-cold killing intent sounded out, atop the city walls, Lin Langtian's surroundings instantly became empty. Some of the originally scattered people scuttled away as if they had encountered the plague. From the looks of it, the grudge between Lin Dong and the latter was not small, and after witnessing the great battle previously, they knew that it was best to keep a distance from Lin Dong's enemies. Or else, it would be too late to cry when they got caught up in the aftershocks.

The Mo Ling trio were also stunned, however, they did not say anything. They knew about the grudge between Lin Dong and Lin Langtian. Moreover, Lin Langtian's previous actions clearly showed that he planned on watching Lin Dong be killed. Given the latter's character, he would absolutely not let Lin Langtian off so easily.

Although they were all from the Great Yan Empire, and Lin Dong and Lin Langtian were both considered as companions, their hearts were not undoubtedly leaning towards Lin Dong. Hence, it was impossible for them to speak up or stop Lin Dong.

Because, between Lin Dong and Lin Langtian, they had already chosen the former.

In response to his now empty surroundings atop the city wall, the

corners of Lin Langtian's eyes involuntarily twitched for a moment. Soon after, his cold eyes stared at Lin Dong as he ominously said: "The current you is likely already at your limit. Kill me? You must be dreaming!"

Upon hearing this, a sneer flitted across Lin Dong's eyes as he replied: "If you want to wait till I've spent all my energy, I'm afraid it's going to be very difficult."

As his voice faded, with a thought from Lin Dong, tyrannical Devouring Power burst out of his body. The surrounding Yuan Power immediately surged and rushed over, endlessly tunneling into Lin Dong's body.

When the Yuan Power entered Lin Dong's body, they were instantly devoured and refined, transforming into vigorous Yuan Power that flowed in his limbs and bones. Immediately, the Yuan Power that he had consumed in the previous great battle started to recover at a rapid rate.

With the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, as long as Lin Dong had enough mental fortitude, he was practically a battle machine that did not know the meaning of rest. Waiting for his Yuan Power to be depleted due to battle was not going to be that easy.

Waves of Yuan Power endlessly poured into Lin Dong's body, while his aura once again climbed under numerous astonished gazes. Although he would not reach his peak for a time, he had already recovered to a normal state.

“Such frightening recovery power!”

Upon seeing this scene, several people were secretly shocked in their hearts. That terrifying recovery rate combined with that overwhelming battle power. No wonder the mere advanced Manifestation stage Lin Dong had the power to kill a peak Manifestation practitioner.

Atop the city wall, Lin Langtian also felt Lin Dong's aura rapidly recover and his face immediately turned exceedingly grim. His plan had failed once again.

“Lin Langtian, get over here to die!”

Lin Dong's eyes were ice-cold. Not giving Lin Langtian any time, Lin Dong's hand clenched as vigorous Yuan Power condensed into a dazzling golden platform before ruthlessly flying towards Lin Langtian.

When he saw Lin Dong attack, Lin Langtian's eyes also turned cold. His figure moved as he flew forth from the city wall; a fist flying out as a ferocious force blew back the golden platform.

Upon seeing Lin Langtian fly out, Lin Dong's figure also moved, the Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps at his feet as he transformed into a puff of green smoke that mixed together with a vigorous offensive and attacked Lin Langtian like torrential rain.

Bang bang bang!

As he eyed the attacking Lin Dong, Lin Langtian gritted his teeth and urged out all the Yuan Power in his body. His figure charged forward and directly clashed against Lin Dong. Fist and palm met, transforming into after images as muffled thuds erupted in the sky.

The two figures in mid-air had already fought over a dozen rounds in the time it took for a spark to fade from a flint as waves of berserk Yuan power shockwaves swept outwards.

Every gaze was locked onto the air. The fight between the two did not show any signs of a deadlock. Under Lin Dong's torrential attacks, even though Lin Langtian tried his best to contend, he was still beaten back bit by bit, completely suppressed by Lin Dong.

The others did not find this unexpected at all. Previously, Lin Dong had taken on eight Saint Light Empire practitioners by himself, and even killed all of them in the end. Such an achievement was enough to be called terrifying. Lin Langtian was only at the advanced Manifestation stage, how could he possibly be Lin Dong's match in a head-on battle?

“Bang!”

In mid-air, Lin Dong's fists were heavy as a mountain as they smashed into Lin Langtian's crossed arms. A ferocious force exploded, directly blowing Lin Langtian a hundred meters back with a single punch before he stumbled a little and stabilized his sorry figure.

“I was able to force you to such a state when I was at the half-step-to Manifestation stage. Now that I have reached the advanced Manifestation stage, the same cultivation level as yourself, you still futilely try to fight me?!” After blowing away Lin Langtian with a single punch, Lin Dong could not help but sneer.

After experiencing numerous bitter trainings, Lin Dong’s current strength on the surface was already not weaker than Lin Langtian, moreover, his battle power far surpassed the latter. Hence, the latter wanting to contend against him was undoubtedly a pipe dream.

“Summon the Yuan Spirit in your body, or else, tonight will likely be your funeral!”

As his icy shout faded, Lin Dong lifted his palm and a black light shot out. It grew against the wind, transforming into a humongous mountain peak that floated in the sky above Lin Langtian.

“Swish!”

Once the Heavy Prison Peak appeared, a circle of black light shot downwards and enveloped Lin Langtian. Under the black light, Lin Langtian immediately felt his body sink as if he was in a swamp, while his originally nimble body also started to slow down.

When Lin Langtian’s figure became slower, Lin Dong waved his hand once again. A black hole made from Devouring Power whizzed out and appeared below Lin Langtian as a strong

Devouring Force erupted.

When the Devouring Force erupted, Lin Langtian suddenly discovered that his body had started to sink downwards. No matter how he urged his Yuan Power to struggle, it was useless.

The Heavy Prison Peak in the sky and the black hole below perfectly formed a strange prison. Within this prison, the gravity and gushing Devouring Force practically caused Lin Langtian's battle power to drop to zero.

With the odd combination of the Heavy Prison Peak and black hole, Lin Langtian now had no power to resist. Without any courtesy, Lin Dong reached out his hand as the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear appeared. The spear jerked, directly transforming into an incomparably formidable icy flash that shot towards the Lin Langtian who was currently incapable of moving.

The power of the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear was something even peak Manifestation stage practitioners were unable to withstand. If he was pierced, Lin Langtian would instantly be torn to pieces.

Lin Langtian clearly understood this. Immediately, horror surfaced in his eyes as he hastily urged his Yuan Power. Yet, in this prison, Yuan Power circulation and gathering had become much slower.

“Swish!”

While Lin Langtian struggled to resist, the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear was already arriving at lightning speed. When the formidable chilly aura was still a distance of several tens of feet away from him, the clothes on his chest had already been torn apart.

“Master Mu!” At this life or death moment, Lin Langtian was finally no longer able to do anything, and a roar suddenly sounded out from his mouth.

“Buzz!”

As Lin Langtian’s roar echoed out, a dark grey light suddenly burst out from Lin Langtian’s body. The dark grey light gathered on the surface of Lin Langtian’s body, faintly forming into a blurry figure.

“Clang!”

When the blurry figure appeared, it lifted its hand as a powerful grey flash shot out from its fingertips, ripping apart the prison before heavily smashing against the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear, causing it to be deflected backwards.

“Finally come out?” As he gazed at the blurry figure enveloping Lin Langtian, Lin Dong’s eyes turned cold.

“Master Mu, kill him!” Lin Langtian furiously howled. He had fallen to such a sorry state in Lin Dong’s hands, something that

was too humiliating for him. One should know that Lin Dong had once been an ant in Lin Langtian's eyes. At that time, he did not even care for killing Lin Dong, because he believed that Lin Dong did not even deserve such a right!

Of course, this thought had now changed, transforming into endless regret. Lin Langtian had gnashed his teeth and thought many times; if he could return to that time, he would smash Lin Dong to death with a single slap in the old tomb!

However, although he regretted, there was no medicine for regret in this world. The ant in his eyes had now become an existence that had control over his life or death!

The current him needed to look up to this thing which had once been an ant!

“You are now no longer his match, leave!”

However, in response to Lin Langtian's howl, the blurry figure took a deep look at Lin Dong and declared in a low voice before grabbing Lin Langtian, forcibly breaking the gravity prison as their figures swiftly retreated.

This Master Mu had a fairly good grasp of the situation. Within Lin Dong's body was an existence that was not weaker than himself. Even if he went all out, it was not possible for him to kill Lin Dong. Since that was so, why waste any energy.

When he heard Master Mu's words, Lin Langtian's body started to tremble. He was truly unable to believe that the day would come where he would be forced to such a sorry state by Lin Dong.

“Plan on leaving? Do you think it will be so easy!”

Upon seeing that Master Mu wanted to leave, Lin Dong's eyes darkened. His finger thrust out in the air as a giant finger made from Yuan Power once again appeared and viciously shot towards Lin Langtian.

However, just as the giant finger was about to hit Lin Langtian, the blurry figure squirmed in a strange manner before appearing in the air several feet away as if it had teleported, avoiding the giant finger attack in the process.

“Lin Dong, you are indeed very surprising. However, you cannot hold me here. Even the existence in your body does not have the capability!”

“When we next meet, it will perhaps be your doom. You'd better cherish the time you have now, haha!” The blurry figure flashed and disappeared into the night sky at an alarming speed while its loud laughter resounded in the air.

Lin Dong's expression was ice-cold as he stared in the direction where the blurry figure had faded with Lin Langtian, but was not angry. He knew that this Yuan Spirit was extremely powerful. Although Lin Dong was not afraid to fight because of the cards he had, if the spirit wanted to escape, even with if he joined forces

with Little Marten plus the Blood Soul Puppet, it would be challenging to kill them.

His actions only intended to chase Lin Langtian away.

Lin Dong's fist slowly clenched as he muttered in a low voice: "However, when we next meet, perhaps you will not be able to escape so easily!"

Chapter 412: Checking The Harvest

Under the darkness of the night, the outside of the city finally gradually turned silent, yet, the beast corpses and ravines that covered the ground caused reminded everyone about the desperate battle that had erupted in this place.

Lin Dong's figure slowly descended from mid-air. Although he had gone through a great battle, a bright light still flickered in his eyes, showing that he was not the slightest bit tired. This scene caused the Mo Ling trio to be somewhat fearful. Such strong battle endurance, even a peak Manifestation stage practitioner could not compare.

“Brother Lin Dong, what was it that saved Lin Langtian just now?” Mo Long opened his mouth to ask. He had previously clearly seen Lin Langtian being thoroughly suppressed by Lin Dong, yet, a blurry figure had appeared at the final moment, dispersing Lin Dong's attack and rescuing Lin Langtian.

“Lin Langtian also has some trump cards. Killing him is not easy, but when we next meet, even that thing will be unable to save him!” Lin Dong replied in a cold cold voice.

Mo Ling silently nodded his head. Soon after, he cast a glance at the spot where Li Sheng and the other seven had been turned to a bloody mist before speaking in a low voice, “Brother Lin Dong, before Li Sheng and the rest died, they mentioned a senior in this ancient battlefield. Since that person was able to be so respected by them, he should be even stronger than Li Sheng. Perhaps, he might have already reached the half-step-to Nirvana stage. If he finds out

that the Saint Light Empire members have all died at your hands, he will not let this matter go.”

Lin Dong nodded his head. He similarly did not expect that Li Sheng was actually not the strongest member of the Saint Light Empire. Yet, no matter what, he could not be merciful in that kind of scenario. Given Li Sheng and the rest’s characters, if Lin Dong allowed them to survive, there was no doubt that they would incessantly find trouble for Lin Dong.

“Since that is so, let us first ask around about the senior from the Saint Light Empire. Now that you have defeated the Saint Light Empire members, they should be no one who dares to raise any objections towards you in this gathering point. This way, it will be a lot easier for us to get information. As for the follow-up, we can discuss it after we have gathered enough information. How does that sound?” Mo Ling muttered.

“Sure.”

Lin Dong contemplated for a while before nodding his head. He originally planned to cultivate to the advanced Manifestation stage before leaving alone, but he had not anticipated this unforeseen event. Since he had killed all the Saint Light Empire members, the so-called senior would not let him off. If he left now, it would undoubtedly bring great trouble for Mo Ling and the rest.

Previously, the Mo Ling trio had chosen to stand on his side in the face of the enormous pressure from the Saint Light Empire. This action naturally won Lin Dong’s friendship. No matter what, these three were now considered as friends.

Thus, he was temporarily unable to leave alone.

When he saw Lin Dong agree, Mo Ling chuckled. Their small four men group now showed signs of Lin Dong being their leader.

The four of them exchanged a look and did not linger any longer outside the city walls. Their figures moved as they flew up the city walls under numerous fearful gazes.

Lin Dong stood atop the city wall and watched the fearful gazes from all around, but did not show any indications of being pleased with himself. His eyes scanned the area as an indifferent voice sounded out in everyone's ears, "This gathering point was originally a place of freedom, which was forcibly and intentionally taken over by the Saint Light Empire. Now that they have all died, this place will once again regain its freedom. If you like it then stay, if you don't then leave. There is no need for all of you to pay anymore taxes..."

The so-called taxes were naturally attributed to the Saint Light Empire. They completely treated these people as pill slaves for refining Nirvana pills. Lin Dong absolutely loathed this kind of thing and did not care of this kind of gains. Even if it was extremely bountiful, he would still find it disdainful.

It was not wrong to be merciless towards one's enemies, but if one treated other people with whom one did not have any grudges with the same way, it would mean one had become a little crazy. Evidently, Lin Dong had not reached this stage.

When the practitioners from the various empires atop the city walls heard these words, they were first stunned, before an emotional look was revealed in their eyes. Most of them were from some of the smaller empires of which some were even weaker than the Great Yan Empire. They did not dare to casually leave the gathering point because given their strength, if they met a group of Demonic Beasts at night, it would most likely be disastrous. Hence, they could only stay in this place. Previously, they had to pay Nirvana pill taxes everyday to Li Sheng and the rest. For these people who originally were unable to refine much Nirvana pills, this was a huge burden. However, due to their fear of Li Sheng and the rest's strength, they did not dare to rebel.

Now that Lin Dong had removed the taxes, it was undoubtedly an extremely happy occasion for them.

Atop the city walls, joyful whispers spread out. The gazes that originally looked towards Lin Dong with fear faintly started to change to a kind of respect, no longer just pure fear of Lin Dong's strength...

At times, power was unable to truly subdue the hearts of the people.

However, Lin Dong did not care about the minute changes in their eyes. After he said his piece, he waved his sleeve as Little Flame jumped in. His figure moved, directly heading towards the center stone tower that was originally Li Sheng's cultivation spot. However, now that Li Sheng had lost his life at Lin Dong's hands, this central cultivation spot naturally belonged to Lin Dong...

With respect to Lin Dong's actions, there was indeed no one who objected. This was normal after all.

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Lin Dong's figure landed on the stone tower before he slowly sat down. Here, he could look down upon any place in the city, which indeed gave him a feeling of being in control.

However, this feeling only lasted for a moment before being scattered by Lin Dong. He took in a deep breath as the bright light in his eyes slowly vanished. The great battle tonight was rather intense and he had never imagined that the fifth finger of the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger would actually be so powerful...

A mere half a finger could easily defeat the combined might of seven advanced Manifestation stage and one peak Manifestation stage practitioner!

Furthermore, Lin Dong also clearly understood that this was not the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger's strongest move. If he was able to display the complete finger, Lin Dong believed that he would possess the power to battle even against a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner.

"Sigh, just half a finger has caused your fingertip to split open, if you force it, you will definitely be devoured by that berserk power. At that time, there will be no need for others to beat you as you

will have already self destructed.” Just as this thought flashed across Lin Dong’s head, Little Marten’s voice rang out in his mind.

Lin Dong chuckled and did not deny it. Changing the topic, he said: “It’s a pity that we did not take care Lin Langtian.”

“We can’t do anything about it. That fellow still has the protection of the Yuan Spirit in his body. Although he cannot deal with us, if he is determined to take Lin Langtian and escape, no one can stop him.” Little Marten flashed out from Lin Dong’s shoulder as it replied.

Lin Dong nodded his head. No matter what, he had at least chased away that irksome character. When they next met, given Lin Dong’s strength, he would no longer have to fear the mysterious Yuan Spirit. If there was a chance, he would directly take care of both Lin Langtian and the mysterious Yuan Spirit.

Lin Dong’s gaze flickered for a while before slowly stopping. His hand reached out as eight Qiankun bags appeared within. These were the things that Li Sheng and the rest had left behind and also Lin Dong’s battle spoils.

The current Lin Dong was practically broke. After last night’s wanton devouring of Demonic Crystals, the Nirvana pills he had only amounted to three thousand. This number was undoubtedly akin to a drop in the ocean with respect to Lin Dong’s needs.

Lin Dong first checked the seven Qiankun bags, but his harvest was not as bountiful as he had expected. In total, there were only

about three thousand Nirvana pills within, practically making them poorer than himself.

In response to this, Lin Dong was also a little speechless. In any case, these fellows were from the Saint Light Empire, hence he did not think that they would be so pathetic. Perhaps, he had already forgotten how precious Nirvana pills were...

As he offhandedly kept the three thousand Nirvana pills, Lin Dong's cast his gaze towards the final Qiankun bag which belonged to Li Sheng. This fellow was likely considered the number two person in the Saint Light Empire, and was second only to the yet to be seen 'senior'. It was highly probable that his hoard was much better compared to the rest.

As he held the Qiankun bag, Lin Dong's Mental Energy swiftly entered. Soon after, a smile finally surfaced on his face. Sure enough, Li Sheng's collection far exceeded the rest. Just the number of Nirvana pills alone in his bag was close to six thousand!

This was a truly huge sum. If Lin Dong had to obtain such a sum through refining, it would take at minimum several months.

"Adding in these six thousand pills, I now have ten thousand Nirvana pills. It's a pity that I still lack twenty thousand to purify the Blood Soul Puppet..." When his thoughts reached this point, Lin Dong could not help but release a bitter laugh before softly sighing. No matter what, he needed to think of some way to swiftly obtain the remaining twenty thousand Nirvana pills. Since he had killed the Saint Light Empire members, no one could foresee when their 'senior' would arrive for his blood. If he was able to purify

the Blood Soul Puppet and obtain complete control over it, he would no longer fear even a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner.

After keeping the six thousand Nirvana pills, Lin Dong flicked his wrist as a drum wrapped in light appeared in his hand that continuously emitted waves of powerful energy.

This light drum was the Earthly Soul Treasure that Li Sheng had previously revealed, the Saint Light Drum.

Lin Dong toyed with the Saint Light Drum as he gently nodded his head. The energy undulations from this object indicated that it was indeed not bad at all. Li Sheng's collection was truly quite something.

I'll keep it.

Lin Dong naturally had no reason to give up on this kind of treasure and he accepted it without any hesitation. His Mental Energy once again reached into the Qiankun bag, and after a long while, another object appeared in his hand.

This object was a white elephant statue that was made from jade. Lin Dong stared at the white elephant. There seemed to be a good deal of rising script within the white elephant, which faintly gathered to form various profound symbols.

Lin Dong's gaze was tightly fixed onto the rising script. Moments later, a warm feeling slowly rose up in his eyes as a soft voice

sounded out from his mouth.

“Mid level Manifestation martial art, Saint Elephant Sky
Crumbling Tackle!”

Chapter 413: The Big Senior Of Saint Light Empire

Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle!

This is one of the best martial arts in the Saint Light Empire and Lin Dong had personally experienced the might of this martial art in his previous battle with Li Sheng. Even if he executed the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, he had to activate the fourth finger in order to defeat his opponent. From this, it could be seen that the “Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle” was indeed very powerful.

From its might, the “Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle” was truly worthy of being a mid-grade Manifestation martial art. Even the Lin Clan did not possess such level of martial art. Amongst Lin Langtian’s martial arts, only the “Hand of the Universal Emperor”, which he obtained at the Manifestation Martial Tablet, could be compared to the “Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle”.

Even though Lin Dong already possessed a powerful high-grade Manifestation martial art like the “Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger”, he did not mind having another martial art. After all, no one would mind having more martial arts in their arsenal. That was because, all powerful martial arts were able to increase one’s fighting strength. Martial arts played an indispensable role in Lin Dong’s ability to contend with Li Sheng, a peak Manifestation stage elite, with his advanced Manifestation stage’s powers.

Therefore, when Lin Dong saw the training manual for “Saint

Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle” in Li Sheng’s Qiankun bag, his eyes blazed with fervour despite his rigid self-discipline.

“Hey, this thing is pretty good,” Little Marten laughed when he saw the white elephant, which was carved out of white jade. Apparently, he also noticed the might of this martial art when Li Sheng executed it previously.

Lin Dong smiled gently as he used his hand to rub against the palm-sized white elephant jade, which possessed an extremely exquisite craftsmanship. Under the light, the elephant jade looked sparkling and translucent. Mysterious characters were hovering above it, giving one an odd feeling about it.

“It seems that I have picked up a powerful martial art by luck.”

Lin Dong did not show any signs of courtesy. With a jolt of his mind, his Mental Energy began to extend and flow into the white elephant jade. Currently, the only Manifestation martial arts that he possessed was the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger. As for the Great Desolate Ocean Splitting Seal, it could only be considered as a pseudo Manifestation martial art. Hence, he would be stupid not to accept such a god-given gift.

“Buzz!”

As Lin Dong’s Mental Energy flowed into the white elephant jade, a weird buzzing sound was produced within the jade. Then, a repulsive force surged out and repel Lin Dong’s Mental Energy.

“Eh?” Lin Dong was slightly startled by the unforeseen event and furrowed his brows. He could feel that there was a Mental Energy seal in the white elephant jade. However, the Mental Energy seal should have disappeared automatically after Li Sheng died in his hands. So, why would it still resist his Mental Energy?

“I’m afraid the Mental Energy seal in the white elephant jade does not belong to Li Sheng,” Little Marten explained after taking a closer look.

“It does not belong to Li Sheng?” Lin Dong clenched his fists slightly and stared at the luminescent white elephant jade. He then sneered, “No matter who owns the seal, I’m definitely keeping the Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle!”

After he finished his sentence, a dominating Devouring Power erupted from Lin Dong’s palm. Traces of the Devouring Power began to wind around the white elephant jade and devoured the hidden Mental Energy seal continuously.

As if it had sensed the Devouring Power, the Mental Energy seal discharged waves of formidable repulsive force. Indistinctly, the white elephant jade shuddered and showed signs of breaking away from Lin Dong’s palms.

Upon seeing this, a chilly look swept across Lin Dong’s eyes. Apparently, the master of the Mental Energy brand was quite powerful, given that he was able to manipulate the white elephant jade from such a long distance away.

Even though the obstinance of the Mental Energy brand did surprise Lin Dong, his Devouring Power continued to erode the white elephant jade. Eventually, the shuddering white elephant jade started to stabilize and the Mental Energy brand began to weaken under the constant erosion as well.

“I will see how long more can you endure!” Lin Dong chuckled. With a jolt of his mind, the Devouring Power increased abruptly. After a while, a fine snapping sound could be heard within the white elephant jade. It was as if something had broken.

As the snapping sound was made, the resistance by the white elephant jade seemed to disappear in an instant.

“It’s likely that the white elephant jade’s Mental Energy brand belongs to the Saint Light Empire’s Big Senior,” Little Marten suddenly said after it saw Lin Dong got rid of the Mental Energy seal.

Lin Dong nodded his head. The Ancient Battlefield was an isolated piece of land, and therefore, the distance between the Saint Light Empire and this place was incredibly long. Apparently, even the Nirvana stage elites could not manipulate the white jade elephant from such a distance away. Furthermore, Lin Dong believed that, even if the Saint Light Empire was quite powerful, they could not have possessed an elite who surpassed the Nirvana stage. Thus, the master of the Mental Energy seal should be in the ancient battlefield as well. Hence, after confirming these facts with what Li Sheng and his counterparts had said, the answer was self-evident...

“This person is quite capable, given that he is able to set up such an unyielding Mental Energy seal in the white elephant jade...” Lin Dong’s eyes flickered. It appeared that the “Big Senior” of the Saint Light Empire was a formidable opponent.

“Buzz!”

While Lin Dong’s eyes were flickering, the originally calm white elephant jade suddenly shot out a ray of light. This ray of light began to materialize into a blurry figure in front of Lin Dong.

Lin Dong raised his head and looked calmly at the blurry figure. He knew that, this figure must be a Mental Energy image that was hidden by the “Big Senior” in the white elephant jade.

“I don’t know who are you. Given Li Sheng and the rest’s capabilities, they do not dare and are not capable of breaking my Mental Energy seal. It seems that the Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle has fallen into other people’s hands. If I’m not mistaken, Li Sheng and the rest should have already died in your hands.”

The moment the image appeared, it stared apathetically at Lin Dong and an indifferent voice came out of it.

“No matter who you are, anyone who kills the members of the Saint Light Empire is inviting trouble to themselves. You will regret what you have done. Cherish your time now because the day I find you, it will be the day of your death!”

Lin Dong's face remained calm. With a snap of finger, a gust of wind swept up and destroyed the image. It appeared that Lin Dong was right. The Mental Energy brand indeed belonged to the "Big Senior" of the Saint Light Empire. By now, he should also know that Li Sheng and the rest had already been killed. However, with regards to this issue, Lin Dong did not have much worries. Even though he had some difficulties in defeating half-step-to Nirvana stage elite currently, his confidence still surpassed his fear. Furthermore, he possessed Little Marten and the Blood Soul Puppet. At a critical juncture, he could even kill even a half-step-to Nirvana stage elite.

"There are many people who wish to kill me, yet till this day, there hasn't been anyone who is able to do it. Since you are the Saint Light Empire's Big Senior, I guess your collection of treasures should be larger and more powerful than Li Sheng's. If I can defeat you, then maybe I can collect enough Nirvana pills to cleanse the killing aura of the Blood Soul Puppet," Lin Dong sneered in a low voice.

If the so-called "Big Senior" dared to come, Lin Dong did not mind his collection get bigger.

In the ancient battlefield, Lin Dong could operate with any restraints. He was also not afraid of Saint Light Empire's revenge against him. In this place, the elites had no way of getting in here. Perhaps in the far future, Lin Dong would not even care about the Saint Light Empire anymore.

After the Mental Energy brand in the white elephant jade had been gotten rid of, Lin Dong did not try to practise the "Saint

Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle” immediately. Instead, he continued to dig inside Li Sheng’s Qiankun bag. However, he did not manage to find any treasures that captivated him. Most of the items were Demonic Crystals, elixir pills and high-grade Soul Treasures that contained a low amount of Nirvana Qi. After a hasty rummage, Lin Dong lost interest and dumped everything into his own Qiankun bag. Then, he closed his eyes and started resting to nurse his post-battle’s health.

After approximately two hours of rest, his eyes opened up slowly. This tower was no doubt the best training place in the city. Therefore, Lin Dong was able to restore his health within a short period of time.

After he recovered, Lin Dong flipped his palm and the exquisite white elephant jade appeared in his hand. With a flick of his mind, he channeled his Mental Energy into the jade. This time around, his Mental Energy did not face any resistance and flowed smoothly into the white elephant jade.

“Buzz!”

While Lin Dong’s Mental Energy was flowing into the jade, a huge amount of mysterious characters were pouring steadily into Lin Dong’s mind. Indistinctly, the roar of a gigantic elephant echoed through Lin Dong’s brain.

A huge lustrous elephant stood on the sky and went on a rampage. The Heaven and Earth trembled while the mountains collapsed. It was an earth-shaking display of power.

Lin Dong sat quietly on the tower with both his eyes shut tightly. As he held the white elephant jade in his hand, waves of radiance began to spread and eventually enshrouded his entire body.

As the radiance enveloped Lin Dong, his aura became increasingly calm and powerful at the same time.

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Meanwhile, as Lin Dong was just about to master the “Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle”, there was a white-robed, callous-looking man standing on a lofty tower in a distant major city of an assembly point. He then slowly opened his eyes. In his eyes, there was a surge of killer intent that was so cold that it could freeze the air.

“No matter who you are, you will pay the price for killing the members of the Saint Light Empire. After I complete my current objective, your demise shall arrive!”

Chapter 414: Information

Nightfall which enveloped the gathering point finally left stealthily. However, when sunlight once again shone down on this city, this city's overlord had already changed. Initially, the arrogant and overbearing Sacred Light Empire members had all been massacred by Lin Dong. Therefore, the elite practitioners who initially sided with Sacred Light Empire, quickly changed sides again, as they gritted their teeth and viciously complained about how arrogant and overbearing the Sacred Light Empire members were. Based on their expressions, it seems like they had a deep grudge against them.

Of course, Lin Dong had little time to bother about these fickle-lot. Even though he had finished off the Sacred Light Empire, he naturally had no intention of becoming this city's overlord. This was merely a small gathering point and there were less than a thousand people in total. Therefore, what is the point of being a local overlord here? In fact, even after one year's time, he would still lack the qualifications to enter the real Hundred Empire War.

If it were not for the fact that the Sacred Light Empire members tried to cause trouble for him and even wanted to snatch his Soul Treasures and martial arts, Lin Dong did not plan to bother with them. However, it was unfortunate that Li Sheng was simply too ignorant and he chose to offend him. Therefore, in a manner of speaking, he actually deserved this outcome.

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Warm sunlight shone on the top of that high tower, while Lin

Dong, who had his eyes tightly shut, finally slowly opened his eyes. Meanwhile, the white jade elephant glow within his palm had dimmed significantly.

After opening his eyes, Lin Dong stood up. Promptly, he took a step forward. As he stepped forth, formidable Yuan Power instantly gushed out from within his body.

Just as Yuan Power gushed out from his body, all the surrounding Yuan Power quickly gathered together. Within a few breaths, a large glowing elephant shadow enveloped Lin Dong's body.

Though that large glowing elephant still seemed slightly illusionary, it gave off an powerful earth-shattering aura. The instant that giant elephant appeared, it roared at the heavens, before a peculiar buzzing noise swept forth and caused all the Yuan Power above the city to begin to rage.

Due to the existence of the Stone Tablet Spiritual Domain, it was not difficult for Lin Dong to master martial arts. Therefore, even though he merely trained for one night, Lin Dong had already gained a decent understanding of this "Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle". Even though he had not completely mastered it, he already possessed decent fighting abilities.

On top of the high tower, when Lin Dong sensed the powerful strength of the "Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle", a tinge of delight gushed into his face. Promptly, with a flick of his mind, that giant elephant shadow gradually disappeared.

“Haha, congratulations brother Lin Dong. You have gained another powerful martial arts.” Just as that giant elephant disappeared, a splitting wind noise echoed out, before Mo Ling and the rest lept onto the high tower and congratulated Lin Dong with a smile.

When he saw Mo Ling and the rest, Lin Dong smiled. After what happened last night, their attitude towards him had obviously changed.

“Brother Lin Dong, with regards to information regarding the Sacred Light Empire’s Big Senior, we have already obtained some information.”

“Oh?” When he heard how Mo Ling and the rest managed to obtain the information so efficiently, Lin Dong was slightly taken aback.

“Haha, it is thanks to the fact that brother Lin Dong had already established his dominance in this area. Therefore, it is quite easy for us to obtain information. Previously, those who sided with the Sacred Light Empire member obtained quite a bit of information from them and they have passed it all to us.” Mo Ling smiled as he said.

Lin Dong smiled and invited the three of them to seat down. Then, he turned to look at Mo Ling. Evidently, he was very curious to find out about that “Big Senior” that they had been muttered about last night.

“Based on the information that we obtained, out of all the Sacred Light Empire members that are participating in the Hundred Empire War, twenty of them have reached advanced Manifestation stage.”

“Twenty of them...” Lin Dong’s pupils gently shrunk. That was to say even after eight of them died at his hands, there were still eleven Manifestation practitioners. The final one was naturally the “Big Senior” they were referring to.

“Besides Li Sheng and the seven others, there are still eleven advanced Manifestation practitioners as well as that “Big Senior” there were referring to. Based on what we know, that Big Senior is called Jin Mu. He should be at half-step-to Nirvana stage and he possess the qualifications to attack Nirvana stage.” When they mentioned this point, Mo Ling’s expression turned slightly solemn. That was because there was a massive gulf between advanced Manifestation and Nirvana stage. Therefore, if Jin Mu really became a Nirvana stage practitioner, even if Lin Dong possess powerful martial arts that could slaughter Li Sheng and seven others, he would still be no match for him.

That was because one goes through a complete metamorphosis when one breaks through to Nirvana stage. A Nirvana stage practitioner’s physical body is several times more powerful than Lin Dong, who had mastered Great Sun Thunder Body. In fact, with such a formidable physical body, even if one does not use Yuan Power to protect oneself, a peak Manifestation practitioner could hardly hurt him. That was the extent of the difference.

Even if he stood still and allowed you to attack him, there was nothing you could do.

Even though half-step-to Nirvana stage was not a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner, his strength far exceeds that of Li Sheng and the rest.

Lin Dong nodded his head as he was not too shocked. After erasing Jin Mu's Mental Energy seal last night, he knew that he would be a tricky opponent.

“Right now, Jin Mu should be at Yang City. That city is a massive gathering point. In comparison, this area is as deserted as a ravine.”

Mo Ling waved his hands as he said: “Generally speaking, the ones who enter the ancient battlefield will typically head for those large gathering points. That was because those spots were the safest places to be. In contrast, small gathering spots like here are easily overrun by waves of demon. Of course, Yang City is the best gathering point within a several thousand miles radius. There are countless elite practitioners there and the Nirvana Qi in that domain is several times more potent compared to here. It will not be difficult for us to obtain good resources.”

“Hehe, brother Lin Dong, you do not have to worry about Jin Mu. Based on our intel, that fellow does not have time to cause trouble for us.” Du Yun smiled as he said.

“Why is that?” Lin Dong was slightly taken aback as he asked in

shock. He had killed the Sacred Light Empire members and he had even erased the white elephant jade Mental Energy seal that Jin Mu had left inside. Therefore, that fellow should be itching to kill him.

“This is intel that we obtained from a practitioner that was closest to the Sacred Light Empire members. Right now, there are several troops from different empires gathered in that area and it seems like they are contesting for an item called the “Mysterious Ancient Key”. Therefore, Jin Mu should be eyeing that object as well and he would likely not make a move on you before he obtains that “Mysterious Ancient Key”.” Mo Ling smiled as he added on.

“Mysterious Ancient Key? What is that?” When he heard that foreign term, Lin Dong was stunned as he asked in shock.

“It is reputed to be an mysterious and ancient key. You should also know, even though you can refine Nirvana Pills from the ancient battlefield, based on usual methods alone, not to mention one year, even given several years, you would not be able to refine sufficient Nirvana Pills to attack Nirvana stage. Therefore, many of them turned their attention to the treasure troves in the ancient battlefield. As long as you can obtain a treasure trove, the Nirvana Pills contained within is definitely sufficient. If one is lucky enough to obtain some legacy passed down by an ancient sect, you can even ascend and stand out during that huge battle one year later.”

Lin Dong gently nodded his head. Using usual methods alone, most people would be unable to refine more than ten thousand Nirvana Pills in one year. This was evidently insufficient for one to

attack Nirvana stage. Therefore, most of them planned to search for a treasure trove. Of course, some of the extreme ones had even more vicious and cruel methods, that was robbery!

Of course, in order to do so, one must possess sufficient strength. Else, one may fail to rob others, but be robbed by them instead.

“I wonder what treasures are in those ancient treasure troves...” Lin Dong’s mind moved. With regards to those treasures, he was similarly interested in them. After all, he required a large amount of Nirvana Pills in order to attack Nirvana stage. Right now, since he had officially reached advanced Manifestation stage, it would not be long before he reaches Nirvana stage. Therefore, before that, he must gather sufficient Nirvana Pills!

“I am not aware of what are in those ancient treasure troves. However, based on the information that we obtained, it seems like Jin Mu was eyeing something within...” Mo Ling said.

“What is it?”

“It is something called... Samsara Pills?” Then, Man Shan scratched his head as he asked uncertainly.

“Samsara Pills?” Lin Dong was stunned. Evidently, this was the first time he heard of such a pill. However, just as he was about to casually nod his head, a growl suddenly sounded out inside his heart.

“Samsara Pills? This is a pill that was gathered by a super elite practitioner that had finally understood that principle of Samsara. One pill is equal to one life and it is enough to help you to reverse a death-trap! If I could obtain that pill, I can form a new physical body and stop being a Demonic Spirit and return to my peak form!”

“Lin Dong, you must help me, you must help me! Help me obtain that Samsara Pill. As long as I can obtain it, I will have a chance to be reborn!”

That loud growl in his heart caused Lin Dong to nearly faint. He knew that it was Little Marten’s voice. Furthermore, what caused him to be so stunned was this was the first time since he knew the latter, that he had saw the latter so agitated and act out of character. Evidently, that so-called Samsara Pill is extremely important to him.

“Don’t rush, take it slowly. I will do everything I can to help you.” Moments later, Lin Dong recovered his senses as he laughed bitterly in his heart. Even though he did not know about anything about those ancient treasure troves, he still agreed to its request. However, these were no perfunctory words; rather it was a sincere promise.

All these years, Lin Dong had treated Little Marten as an indispensable good friend. Without Little Marten, he would not be at where he was today. Little Marten had helped him out a great deal and now that he needed his assistance, Lin Dong was naturally not going to reject it.

“Godammit, you are a indeed a loyal kid. Grandpa Marten was not wrong about you.”

Lin Dong’s words evidently caused a slimy old fellow like Little Marten to be slightly touched. As it chided casually, there was tinge of contentment in its words.

Lin Dong gently heaved a sigh of relief, while he gently fiddled with his fingers. Originally, he was still gently relieved when he heard that Jin Mu could not spare the time. However, he never expected such an unexpected development.

Evidently, that “Mysterious Ancient Key” was the key to unlocking an ancient treasure trove. If he wanted to obtain the “Samsara Pill” within, he must first obtain the key...

That was to say instead of running away from Jin Mu, he must seize the initiative and head to Yang City and fight for that mysterious ancient key!

When he thought of this point, Lin Dong’s expression involuntarily turned peculiar. Moments later, he finally gently heaved a sigh of relief. It seems like trouble is coming and there is no way for him to avoid it...

Chapter 415: Lesser Nirvana Golden Body

“Are you going to Yang City?”

Upon hearing Lin Dong’s words, Mo Ling and the rest were stunned. Lin Dong should be hiding for his life after he had killed the members of the Saint Light Empire. Now, instead of hiding, he wanted to take the initiative to go to Yang City. Isn’t he courting his own death?

“Yeah,” Lin Dong nodded his head. Initially, he planned to observe the situation silently. However, with the report on the “Mysterious Ancient Key”, Lin Dong’s thoughts started to run wild. In the ancient treasure trove, not only would there be “Samsara Pills”, but there would also be a huge amount of Nirvana pills and other artifacts. If he could obtain these treasures, he might be qualified to break through to Nirvana stage.

As for Jin Mu, even though he was somewhat troublesome, Lin Dong did not have much worries about him. If the former really pissed him off badly, he would summon the Blood Soul Puppet to kill him. With the help of the Blood Soul Puppet, even a half-step-to Nirvana stage elite could not threaten Lin Dong

“All of you should know that we only have a year’s time to train. If we are to stay here peacefully, I’m afraid we will not be qualified to participate in the main event when the time is up. Therefore, we must take the initiative and this ancient treasure trove is a good opportunity for us to start with,” Lin Dong looked at Mo Ling and the rest and explained.

“As long as we can obtain a share of the ancient treasure trove, we will be able to break through to Nirvana stage.”

Hearing what was said, Mo Ling and the rest nodded their head slightly. Naturally, they knew about this fact as well. However, the Yang City is different from here. The number of elites in that place were like the clouds in the sky, which was copious. Even the half-step-to Nirvana stage elites were plentiful in that place. It is not an easy task for them to snatch the “Mysterious Ancient Key” from the hands of those powerful elites. Furthermore, Lin Dong had killed the members of the Saint Light Empire, and if they were discovered in the Yang City, they would be killed mercilessly...

“What if we are discovered by the Saint Light Empire’s men...” Du Yun muttered to himself irresolutely.

“The Saint Light Empire is not as scary as you imagine them to be. Even if it is Jin Mu, I have no fear whatsoever. If he tries to find trouble with me, I don’t mind letting him follow the footsteps of Li Sheng,” Lin Dong smiled indifferently.

Upon hearing these words, Mo Ling and rest’s minds shivered. They could sense something else in his words. It appeared that Lin Dong might have a trump card to deal with half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners...

They did not doubt the truthfulness of Lin Dong’s words, after all, they had some understanding of the latter. If Lin Dong did not have a trump card, he would not plan on doing such a risky business.

“So what’s your decisions? If all of you really don’t want to follow me, I won’t force you either,” Lin Dong looked at Mo Ling and the rest and said. The three of them were quite capable and would be a great help to him if they chose to follow him.

After taking a glance at each other, Mo Ling, Du Yun and Man Shan nodded their heads in agreement.

“Brother Lin Dong, we will follow you. Only by taking risks can we obtain wealth and riches. We can only break through the Nirvana stage after we have obtained the hidden treasures in the ancient treasure trove. Otherwise, we will lose out to other participants sooner or later, and by then, it will be hard for us to get chosen by those super sects!” Mo Ling said deeply.

“Haha, Brother Lin Dong, if you have any errands to run in the future, feel free to dispatch us. The three of us are willing to make you our leader!” Man Shan yelled vigorously.

“It’s not necessary to make me the leader. After all, we are from the same empire and protecting each other is the right way to go about,” Lin Dong smiled when he saw the three of them nodded their heads. He then continued, “Let’s wait a few more days before we set off for the Yang City. However, I will have to depend on all of you to obtain precise information on the Mysterious Ancient Key.”

Yang City is the place where numerous elites gathered. Even if Lin Dong possessed a lot of trump cards, he did not dare to be

careless. Within these few days, he must seize the moment and master the Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle as soon as possible. If he could do it, his fighting strength would be increased.

With regards to Lin Dong's words, Mo Ling and the rest did not have much objections. After a slight discussion, they then left the tower.

After the three men had left, Lin Dong sighed. The ancient battlefield was extremely vast. Their current location was merely at the border of the ancient battlefield. Meanwhile, the Yang City was the largest assembly point within several thousands of miles of their location. Numerous elites would definitely go crazy over the "Mysterious Ancient Key".

This time around, the fight cannot be comparable to the small-scale battles in the past.

"Hey, when there are more people, it will be chaotic, and when it's chaotic, opportunity will arise," Little Marten suddenly appeared on Lin Dong's shoulder and said. His eyes were filled with joy and emotions. Apparently, the so-called "Samsara Pills" had stirred its state of mind considerably.

Lin Dong spread out his hands and continued practising his Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle. Little Marten suddenly waved its claw and said, "Your current capabilities are sufficient for you to defeat peak Manifestation stage elites. However, if you are to encounter the Nirvana stage elites, I'm afraid that you will have to execute the Fifth Finger of the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger to contend against them."

“The Fifth Finger is far too powerful. My body can’t take that kind of frenzied Yuan Power,” Lin Dong muttered.

“That’s true. Even though the Great Sun Thunder Body is strong, it is not a Manifestation-level martial art after all. You need a stronger physical enhancing martial art before you can withstand the violent Yuan Power of the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger’s Fifth Finger,” Little Marten nodded and said.

Upon hearing these words, Lin Dong shook his head helplessly. Physical enhancing martial arts were extremely difficult to find, let alone a Manifestation-level one.

“Hey, how can Grandpa Marten bear to ill-treat a loyal kid like you? I still need you to obtain the Samsara Pills for me. Follow me,” Little Marten gave a weird smile. With a flip of his claw, a darkish-purple radiance coagulate in his claw. Indistinctly, the radiance then materialized into a darkish-purple bone strip. There appeared to be some mysterious characters wiggling on the bone-strip.

As the Lin Dong took over the darkish-purple bone script, his eyes glowed with happiness. He then took a sweeping glance and saw those wiggling characters coagulating gradually.

“Lesser Nirvana Golden Body,” Lin Dong mumbled as he read the wiggling characters.

“This is a physical enhancing martial art that I obtained in the

past. It can be considered a mid-grade Manifestation martial art. As long as you can practise it till the advanced level, it is equivalent to a weakened version of the Nirvana Body. Even though it is not the real Nirvana Body, it still works as good as the real one,” Little Marten laughed.

“Oh?” Upon hearing Little Marten’s words, Lin Dong was emotionally moved. The Nirvana Body is the mark of the Nirvana stage elites. That kind of body is several times stronger than a Manifestation stage elite’s body. When facing an elite with Nirvana Body, even an all-out attack from a peak Manifestation stage elite would not do much damage. Lin Dong did not expect Little Marten’s body transformation martial art could be powerful till such extent...

This body transformation martial art was truly worthy of being a Manifestation martial art.

“Of course, a large number of Nirvana pills is needed to master this body transformation martial art. After all, Nirvana Qi is the best energy to temper your physical body. The physical body can only transform after going through a cleansing by the Nirvana Qi.”

After Lin Dong heard these words, the first thought that came to his mind was a rich family that ate Nirvana pills for food...

“Don’t feel sorry for the loss of Nirvana pills. When those half-step-to Nirvana stage elites see that you possess a Nirvana stage elite’s physical body even before you break through the Nirvana stage, they will be extremely envious,” Little Marten curled his lips and consoled Lin Dong.

“If not for your loyalty, you will still be using the Great Sun Thunder Body...”

Lin Dong chuckled at these words. Little Marten was right. Even though mastering the Lesser Nirvana Golden Body would consume a large number of Nirvana pills, the benefits of mastering it would be numerous. These benefits would exceed the spent Nirvana pills.

“First, within these few days, you have to leave by yourself and look for a place where there is no one else. Then, you will unleash your Devouring Power to its maximum and I will be by your side to assist you. I don’t need you to practise it until the advanced level, but at least until the lesser level. This way, it should be able to help you to withstand the violent energy backlash when you’re using the Fifth Finger of the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger,” Little Marten explained.

“Ok.”

Lin Dong nodded his head as his eyes appeared to contain traces of fervour. It seemed that by promising Little Marten the “Samsara Pills”, it motivated it to take out a much more powerful martial art...

“Tsk, Grandpa Marten is helping you by not giving you such a powerful body transformation martial art in the past. The training of the physical body is not something that you can pick up instantly. Forcing it to happen will just impair your foundation. Only through step-by-step training, can your physical body become

stronger,” Little Marten snorted suddenly as if he knew what Lin Dong was thinking.

Lin Dong could only chuckled sheepishly. Then, he stood up and said, “If this is the case, let’s not waste anymore time and leave now!”

The way Lin Dong did things is swift and decisive. As the thought came to his mind, he flew out of the tower and found Mo Ling and the rest without any hesitation.

With regards to Lin Dong’s temporary departure, Mo Ling and the other two were puzzled. However, they did not say much as they knew Lin Dong was not that kind of person who would abandon them and ran off by himself.

After making things clear, Lin Dong jumped onto the back of Little Flame. As Little Flame flapped its wide wings, it flew across the sky with thunderous roar and ultimately disappeared into the horizon with a lightning speed.

Apparently, Lin Dong had a huge curiosity and expectation about how much Nirvana Qi could the Devouring Ancestral Symbol absorb between Heaven and Earth. At the same time, he wanted to know how powerful could the Devouring Power be if he pushed the Devouring Ancestral Symbol to its maximum!

Chapter 416: Mastering Lesser Nirvana Golden Body

For this training session, Lin Dong knew that it would likely cause a commotion and invite much unnecessary trouble. Therefore, he instructed Little Flame to unleash its maximum speed. After flying for nearly two hours, he directly flew across a seemingly endless grass plains. Behind that grass plains, was a never-ending mountain range.

The mountain range was enveloped by clouds and mists. The mountain peaks were all sharp and dangerous, while savage beast-like roars continuously echoed out faintly.

Generally speaking, this was an area where countless demonic beasts gathered and there are hardly any humans that would come here. After all, compared to outside, the demonic beasts in the ancient battlefield were far more powerful and vicious.

However, in Lin Dong's opinion, he would rather train while he was surrounded by demonic beasts, than risk exposing his secrets. His Devouring Ancestral Symbol was extremely formidable and if someone spotted it, it would definitely invite much trouble. Furthermore, right now, even though Lin Dong possessed some defensive abilities, in the face of a genuine elite practitioner, he could hardly do anything at all. Therefore, before he possess true might, he did not want anyone to know about his Devouring Ancestral Symbol.

“Let's choose this spot...”

With regards to this spot, Little Marten was fairly pleased as well. Even though there were countless demonic beasts in the mountain range, with Little Marten protecting him, he should encounter little problems.

Lin Dong nodded his head, before his palm tapped on Little Flame. Immediately, the latter flapped its bloody wings, before it landed on the peak of one the mountains.

After Lin Dong hopped down from Little Flame's back, without further ado, he directly sat down on a green rock nearby. However, when Lin Dong sat down, he did not begin cultivation immediately. Instead, he gently shut his eyes and allowed that "Lesser Nirvana Golden Body" cultivation arts to run across his brain just like a gentle stream. At the same time, his mind seemed to have stealthily calmed down.

Lin Dong stayed in this state for several minutes, before he gently exhaled a puff of white air. Meanwhile, his expression turned increasingly solemn. Without further ado, he moved his mind, before the Ancestral Devouring Symbol hovering in his Niwan Palace immediately floated out.

One ancient Ancestral Symbol, which seemed to have been around since genesis, silently hovered in front of Lin Dong. As it continuously squirmed, it formed countless black holes and they seemed just like mysterious symbols forged by the heavens. It was an extremely magical sight.

“Buzz!”

However, just as his Devouring Ancestral Symbol appeared, all the Yuan Power in this domain began to exhibit signs of raging. Even before Lin Dong activated his Devouring Ancestral Symbol, streams of Devouring Power had already involuntarily emerged before they completely swallowed the Yuan Power in this domain.

“Devouring Ancestral Symbol, Devour The World!”

Lin Dong’s eyes were solemn as he stared at his Devouring Ancestral Symbol. Following which, his hand seals suddenly changed, while a deep roar echoed out from his lips.

“Swoosh!”

As Lin Dong’s hand seals changed, that originally palm-sized Devouring Ancestral Symbol began to grow at an alarming rate. In mere seconds, it had transformed into a hundred-feet large black hole, hovering above Lin Dong’s head, as it slowly grew!

The black hole enveloped the mountain peak. As it slowly squirmed, across the mountain, countless rocks and large trees all drifted into the black hole, before they were completely devoured.

“Boom! Boom!”

Just as his black hole grew, this domain finally completely erupted. As the mountain range shook, all the Yuan Power in this

domain began to gather together at a terrifying rate, before they formed into a Yuan Power glowing pillar and continuously gushed into that black hole.

As the Yuan Power in this domain headed over, the central position of that black hole continuously squirmed, while streams of fiery-red energy gushed out from that black hole and swiftly headed down towards Lin Dong.

These fiery-red energy were all formed from Nirvana Qi. The black hole formed by the Devouring Ancestral Symbol had completely robbed all the surrounding Yuan Power and refined the Nirvana Qi within before it poured it all down into Lin Dong's body.

When he saw that incoming fiery-red energy, Lin Dong involuntarily sucked in a breath of cold air. The full power of his Devouring Ancestral Symbol had taken him by surprise...

“Chii! Chii!”

Just as Lin Dong was in awe, the fiery-red energy had already poured down. The instant they made contact, Lin Dong's skin began to boil, while a cackling noise continuously echoed out from his skin.

Nirvana Qi was indeed extremely powerful and magical. However, it was no easy task to absorb it. Even when a half-step-to Nirvana stage absorbs Nirvana Qi, he must be extremely careful. If one absorbs too much, there is a possibility that one may directly

wreck one's body.

Thanks to that intense burning pain, Lin Dong immediately gritted his teeth, while all the muscles in his body began to tense up.

“Kid, this is not how you cultivate Lesser Nirvana Golden Body. If you wanted to master Lesser Nirvana Golden Body, you must activate your Secret Arts and use Nirvana Qi to refine every bone and muscle in your body in order to undergo a complete metamorphosis. Even though you will suffer quite a bit, it will be extremely beneficial when you attempt to attack Nirvana stage in the future. However, if you cannot even survive this trial, then when you attempt to attack Nirvana stage in the future, you will fail nine out of ten times!” As he stared at Lin Dong, who was seemingly enveloped by flames, Little Marten's voice clearly resounded in Lin Dong's ears.

“Let the Nirvana Qi course through your body and refine your muscles and bones!”

When he heard Little Marten's words, Lin Dong viciously gritted his teeth, before he gradually relaxed his tensed muscles. As he stopped resisting, that fiery Nirvana Qi instantly gushed into his body from every direction. Meanwhile, Lin Dong felt like his body was in flames, as a burning sensation emerged in his bones, muscles and even his internal organs. That sensation was as if he was being burnt to a crisp.

“Great Sun Thunder Body!”

As he sensed that boiling burning sensation coursing through his body, Lin Dong grit his teeth, before a resplendent sun slowly arose from within his body. Instantly, his physical body toughened, while that burning sensation slightly subsided.

Nonetheless, though the Nirvana Qi coursing through his body caused massive pain to him, thanks to that sharp pain, Lin Dong could clearly feel that wherever that Nirvana Qi brushed by, the muscles and bones there would strengthen. At the same time, a potent burning energy flowed within his muscles and it seemed like a terrifying force that would erupt at any moment.

In mid-air, the black hole formed by the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, was still slowly swirling, while streams of terrifying Devouring Power erupted forth. Meanwhile, all the Yuan Power in this mountain range continuously gathered together, while the Nirvana Qi enshrouding Lin Dong's body grew increasingly thicker.

As the Nirvana Qi grew increasing richer, the Nirvana Qi actually transformed into a peculiar flames. These flames completely wrapped themselves around Lin Dong, while every foliage within a hundred mile radius of Lin Dong, began to decay gradually, just as if the water within them were being slowly vaporized.

“Ah!”

As the flames raged on, Lin Dong's body shook manically, while a painful sore shout penetrated through the flames and ricocheted

across the mountain range.

Little Marten had already retreated a distance away while it stared solemnly at this sight. Though Nirvana stage was extremely powerful and it was no mean feat to reach it. Even though Lin Dong's physical body was fairly powerful, there were no guarantees that he would really succeed. After all, everything still relies on his own tenacity.

“Kid, if you can successfully endure the Nirvana Qi flames, in the future, your odds of breaking through to Nirvana stage will surge. You must seize this opportunity...”

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A black hole enveloped the mountain range as it continuously devoured the Yuan Power in this domain in an extremely domineering fashion, allowing it to continuously supply Nirvana Qi and ensure that the Nirvana Flames surrounding Lin Dong's body would never be extinguished.

As he continuously cultivated, in a blink of an eye, two days had passed. In these two day's time, Lin Dong's pained roars continuously echoed out from within the flames. One could only imagine the intensity of the pain that he was enduring. However, Little Marten could only stand by helplessly. This type of training was completely reliant on Lin Dong's willpower. If he could endure it, he would naturally undergo a metamorphosis. However, if he failed to do so, then Lin Dong would end up like that pile of bones that he saw inside the Great Wastelands Ancient Tablet. However, even though others were fortunate enough to have their bones

remaining, perhaps Lin Dong's bones would not even remain...

As a tense Little Marten watched on anxiously, another day passed by. However, what allowed it to stealthily heave a sigh of relief was that during this whole day, though Lin Dong was surrounded by Nirvana Flames, he did not complain at all. Instead, he sat quietly in the middle of those flames, just like an old monk, and he did not move at all.

Little Marten glanced at those raging Nirvana Flames. Faintly, it could see that there was a tiny bit of golden glow flowing on the skin of that figure seated within.

“A little golden glow means one has almost mastered Lesser Nirvana Golden Body...”

When it saw that sparking golden glow, delight surged into Little Marten's eyes, while it muttered to itself.

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Just as Lin Dong was about to reach a critical juncture in his cultivation, in the sky above the gathering spot, a splitting wind sound suddenly echoed out. Then, a large beast flapped its wings before it appeared above the gathering spot.

Before that large beast reached the gathering spot, it slowed down. Meanwhile, on its massive body, several figures stood on top of it as they stared coldly at that nearby gathering spot.

There was a fairly familiar insignia on the chest of these people. That insignia was a resplendent Saint Light.

These people were actually all elite Saint Light Empire practitioners!

Chapter 417: Trouble Pays A Visit

Rumble!

The Yuan Power within the green mountain churned while an enormous black hole slowly swirled, endlessly devouring the Yuan Power of the land.

While the black hole devoured the Yuan Power of the land, threads of strange fiery red energy also continuously rushed into the center of the black hole, transforming into wisps of flame which completely enveloped the figure atop the mountain peak below.

Little Marten stood in mid-air, its gaze tightly fixed onto the burning flames. Lin Dong had already endured for a whole four days inside this Nirvana fire.

In the beginning, he had howled in pain, but now, he was totally silent. Lin Dong seemed to have already adapted to the incomparable pain of the Nirvana fire tempering his physical body...

While the Nirvana fire burned, Little Marten could clearly sense the golden light within the fire growing more and more intense. That golden hue now gave off a sense of indestructibility.

This kind of golden light was an indicator for the mastery of the initial Lesser Nirvana Golden Body. However, for the true initial mastery, the golden light needed to fuse into the skin and mix into

flesh and bone, not like now where it was only on the outside.

Thus, there was still some ways to go till Lin Dong reached the initial mastery stage. From this, one could see how difficult it was to master the Lesser Nirvana Golden Body. Lin Dong had pushed the Devouring Ancestral Symbol to the limit before being able to gather such an amount of Nirvana Qi. If it were anyone else, it would take at least several months before being able to successfully cultivate just a speck of golden light.

“Even with this level of devouring, there is still not enough Nirvana Qi.”

Little Marten’s eyes were tightly glued onto Lin Dong. Its eyes were extremely discerning and one look was all it needed to tell that Lin Dong had reached a rather crucial point in his training. At this moment, as long as he possessed enough Nirvana Qi to condense into fire, one final push was all that was left to successfully force the golden light into Lin Dong’s skin.

“This kid is after all too weak. His full output of the Devouring Ancestral Symbol can only reach this level. Looks like he still needs some outside assistance...” Little Marten’s eyes revealed that it was contemplating something. Soon after, it beckoned with its claw as Lin Dong’s Qiankun bag flew out. Immediately, countless round and fiery red Nirvana pills whizzed out, converging together to form a flood of pills before charging into the black hole.

“Buzz buzz!”

As such a large number of Nirvana pills charged in, the entire black hole seemed to tremble. Quickly, fiery red light pillars of Nirvana Qi flew out, seemingly covering the sky before pouring down onto Lin Dong below.

Boom!

Vigorous Nirvana Qi arrived, like dry wood into a flame, as they caused the Nirvana fire around Lin Dong to blaze even more ferociously. The light from the fire dashed a hundred feet into the sky while the entire green mountain withered at a speed which could be seen with the naked eye.

The suddenly ferocious Nirvana fire caused the figure seated within to tremble violently. As the flames rose up into the air, the golden light became increasingly dazzling.

“Accept the golden light, Nirvana Golden Body!”

Waves of vigorous undulations continuously spread out from the flames. A few minutes later, a low shout suddenly rang out from within the fire.

“Swish!”

Just as this shout rang out, a piercing gold light abruptly burst out from the flames. The golden light was both exceedingly dazzling and forceful, and could be clearly seen even a hundred miles away!

“Success!” Little Marten joyfully watched the golden light. At the bottom end of the golden light, it could see the golden light on the surface of the figure there start to gradually push inwards. Evidently, the golden light was already being forced into the skin!

“Bang!”

At this moment, the raging flames exploded. As the flames completely dispersed, revealing the silently seated figure on the boulder.

This figure was naturally Lin Dong. Currently, no unusual change could be seen from his body, and even his clothes were undamaged. It was as if the ferocious Nirvana fire did not do any damage to him. However, only by taking a closer look would one discover that there seemed to be a faint strand of golden light flowing under his skin.

Lin Dong’s tightly shut eyes also opened at this moment. His eyes seemed to have become pure gold, an extremely peculiar sight. Fortunately, the golden light gradually faded moments later, or else, this pair of eyes would draw too much attention.

Lin Dong silently sat on the boulder and did not immediately stand up, as if he was still reminiscing about the terrifying power flowing in his body that allowed him to easily crush mountains and split the land.

This silence lasted for a short period before a spirited look once

again appeared in Lin Dong's eyes. His figure moved, standing up as the boulder below him instantly turned to dust.

“Roar!”

When Lin Dong stood up, a Demonic Beast that gave off a blood thirsty aura suddenly charged out from the nearby mountain range. Its aura was not the slightest bit weaker than any of the Demonic Beasts from the demonic horde that day.

Upon seeing this powerful Demonic Beast charge at him, Lin Dong chuckled. There were no Yuan Power undulations on his body as the tip of his foot pushed off the ground. The air exploded as his body dashed several hundred feet in an instant before meeting the Demonic Beast.

Lin Dong's body was only a completely different scale when compared to the Demonic Beast. However, he did not back off as an ordinary punch flew forward.

“Bang!”

There were no undulations at all from this punch, yet, the Demonic Beast that could match a peak Manifestation stage practitioner exploded into bloody mist with a bang, and even flesh did not remain!

Lin Dong's punch had directly blown it apart. Such physical strength can only be called terrifying.

Having blown apart this Demonic Beast with a single punch, a carefree feeling involuntarily rose up in Lin Dong's heart as he heartily laughed at the sky. He reached out with a hand and grabbed a Demonic Crystal, no trace of politeness at all as he absorbed all the Nirvana Qi within it.

Slivers of scalding Nirvana Qi flowed in Lin Dong's body. However, they did not give Lin Dong any pain at all. Now that he had mastered the Lesser Nirvana Gold Body, it was very difficult for Nirvana Qi to pose any threat to him.

“Delightful!”

Lin Dong's body gently twisted as he stretched his muscles, discharging powerful energy shockwaves in the process. Although Lin Dong's aura had not become stronger, his strength had risen rather substantially. If he fought against Li Sheng again, Lin Dong would be able to directly turn the former into a bloody mist in less than three rounds.

“Ch, merely the initial mastery, what's there to be happy about. If it was not for me realising that there was something amiss previously, and directly turning ten thousand Nirvana pills into Nirvana Qi to help you, whether you succeeded or not would have been uncertain.” Little Marten flew over, curling its lips as it said.

“Ten thousand Nirvana pills?” Upon hearing this, Lin Dong's expression instantly changed. He hastily looked towards Little Marten's claws and sure enough, he saw that his Qiankun bag had

already been taken. Immediately, he felt pain in his heart and his face turned black. He had toiled for so long before being able to collect ten thousand Nirvana pills, but now, it had all been used by Little Marten in an instant...

“Sigh, smelly brat, you should be happy that you exchanged ten thousand Nirvana pills for the initial Lesser Nirvana Golden Body. Don’t give grandpa marten that face.” When it saw Lin Dong’s black face, Little Marten dryly sighed as it lectured.

Lin Dong was speechless. He had a stomach full of depression like a miser. However, moments later, he could only shake his head as he beckoned with his hand. The black hole swiftly shrunk before transforming into the Devouring Ancestral Symbol and tunnelled into his Niwan Palace.

“Let’s go, we’ll first reorganize ourselves before heading for Sun City.”

Since he had achieved his cultivation goal this time, Lin Dong no longer planned to continue staying here. After all, he did not feel at ease leaving the Mo Ling trio behind at the gathering point. Immediately, he waved to Little Flame as the latter released a low growl before it flapped its huge wings and flew over.

Little Marten also nodded its head before directly flying into the stone talisman within Lin Dong’s palm. The latter mounted Little Flame and with a whistle, Little Flame transformed into a flash of red light that disappeared into the horizon at an astonishing speed.

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There were no hindrances on the journey back, thus, about two hours later, the assembly point on the plains once again appeared in Lin Dong's line of sight.

Seated on Little Flame's back, Lin Dong gazed from afar at the quiet gathering point while softly sighing in relief.

"Lin Dong, there are additional powerful auras in the city. Three of them are not the slightest bit weaker than Li Sheng!" However, just as Lin Dong sighed in relief, Little Marten's voice suddenly sounded out in his mind.

Upon hearing these words, Lin Dong's expression changed at once, while his gaze flickered.

"You must be that Lin Dong who killed Li Sheng right? We have waited two days for you, if you still did not appear, perhaps your three friends would have first paid with their lives..."

While Lin Dong's gaze flickered, an enormous beast suddenly rose up into the air from the assembly point. A few figures proudly stood atop the enormous beast as they maliciously looked towards the Lin Dong from afar. At the same time, a voice filled with killing intent rumbled outwards.

When he heard this voice, Lin Dong expression slowly darkened...

Chapter 418: Massacre

As the gigantic monster flew into the air, howling gales were swept up by its huge wings. Lin Dong's gaze landed upon the gigantic beast only to see three figures standing loftily atop it. With a sweeping glance, Lin Dong spotted a insignia that emitted a saint light on each of their chests.

“They are indeed members of the Saint Light Empire...”

Lin Dong's glance turned gloomy as he recognized the familiar insignias. He then said coldly, “If you hurt my three friends, I will slaughter everyone who belongs to the Saint Light Empire in the ancient battlefield.”

“Hehe, you have such an arrogant tone. I'm afraid you are the filth who will be slaughtered today!” Upon hearing Lin Dong's words, the three men on the gigantic beast laughed sinisterly while their bodies surged with a killing intent.

“Do you think you can ride over the heads of the Saint Light Empire just because you killed Li Sheng that fellow. It seems that today you will understand how foolish you are to offend the Saint Light Empire!”

At the middle of the three men, there was a yellow-clothed guy. He gave Lin Dong a sneering look and then said, “Relax, although your three friends have been through some sufferings, we haven't killed them yet. Therefore, it's best that you start worrying about yourself now.”

After he finished his sentence, the man clapped his hand and three tightly-bounded figures were being pushed onto the citywall immediately. Lin Dong casted a glance in the direction of the citywall and realised that the three figures were Mo Ling and the rest. The three of them appeared to be covered in dirt, but other than that, their lives were not in any danger.

“Lin Dong, this time around, there are three peak Manifestation stage elites from the Saint Light Empire. If you can’t contend against them, just retreat as soon as possible!” Mo Lin’s facial expression changed drastically and then yelled after he saw Lin Dong returned.

“Haha, you’re quite a loyal friend, but no one will be leaving today. Once we get rid of this guy, we will lock up the three of you, who are his accomplices, and make you refine the Nirvana pills for the Saint Light Empire!” the yellow-clothed man laughed heartily.

Lin Dong’s face remained apathetic. No one knew what was going on beneath that calm-looking face. He took a glance at Mo Ling and the rest and then, shifted his gaze towards the three men and asked mildly, “Jin Mu did not come?”

“Pfft, who do you think you are? Are you even qualified to be killed by Big Senior? The three of us are sufficient to kill you. The Big Senior wants us to bring your head along to see him!” The guy beside the yellow-clothed sneered.

“So he didn’t come? What a pity...” Lin Dong shook his head

slowly after he heard what was said. Then, he continued, “Since he wants a head so badly, I will send the three of your heads to him.”

At this moment, many people had gathered on the citywall. However, they did not dare to make any noise while looking at the ongoing scene in the sky. The mighty power of the Saint Light Empire was not something they could withstand. They knew that the overlord of this assembly point would change again after today. This place would fall under the control of the Saint Light Empire once again and their future would become extremely bleak...

They did not want to be despair so easily, but the power of the Saint Light Empire was far too dominant. The last time, the Saint Light Empire was able to become the overlord of this place with Li Sheng alone. Now, there were three peak Manifestation stage elites who were stronger than Li Sheng. Even Lin Dong, who had defeated Li Sheng, would have trouble facing such a powerful lineup.

“You are such an ostentatious fool. We know that you are capable of contending against peak Manifestation stage elites and possess some powerful Manifestation martial arts. However, you will find out how insignificant you are after the three of us combine forces and beat you!” Apparently, Lin Dong’s words had infuriated the three peak Manifestation stage elites of the Saint Light Empire. After giving a mocking laughter, the three of them broke into actions and formed a triangular formation.

Even though these three persons appeared to belittle Lin Dong on the surface, their movements and actions were still extremely

cautious. Their formation and offense were extremely precise and well-coordinated.

“Boom! Boom!”

As the three of them flew out, three powerful waves of Yuan Powers surged through each of their bodies. The three energy waves showed signs of convergence and appeared exceptionally fearsome.

“Filth, your good days have come to an end, give me your life now!”

As their Yuan Powers erupted, the three peak Manifestation stage elites' confidence boosted greatly as well. With a roar, their Yuan Powers converged and formed a huge mountain, which was then hurled ferociously towards Lin Dong's direction.

The humongous Yuan Power mountain formed by the three Manifestation Stage elites contained immense power. Even the air exploded as it flew through the sky.

Even so, under numerous astonished gazes from the onlookers, Lin Dong did not move an inch in the face of a powerful incoming attack. When the Yuan Power mountain reached the top of his head, he blasted out a punch.

Lin Dong's punch did not have a single trace of Yuan Power. It seemed he wanted to use only his physical strength to stop the

incoming Yuan Power mountain. Upon seeing this scene, contempt swept across the eyes of the three peak Manifestation elites.

However, before the sneers on their faces disappeared thoroughly, stupefaction overwhelmed their faces when they saw what happened next. That was because, when Lin Dong's fist collided with the mountain, it was the latter, instead of the former, that collapsed. With a loud bang, the Yuan Power mountain, which was conjured together by the three men, exploded into glitters that filled up the entire sky.

A commotion broke out on the citywall. Even Mo Ling, Du Yun and Man Shan were dumbstruck at this sight. Lin Dong relied only on his physical strength to ward off the combined attack by the three peak Manifestation stage elites. Isn't this display of power a tad bit scary?

Furthermore, they clearly knew that Lin Dong was not this powerful a few days ago. Otherwise, he would not struggle so long with Li Sheng before pulling off a victory. This goes to show that Lin Dong's powers had increased sharply within these few days!

“There is something weird about this lad. Do not hold back, all-out attack!”

Upon seeing what Lin Dong had done, the facial expressions of the three peak Manifestation stage elites changed drastically. However, the three of them were considered to be experienced fighters. Therefore, with a battle roar, they were able to remobilize their Yuan Power and prepare for an all-out attack.

“Humph!”

Even so, Lin Dong did not give them much opportunities to retaliate. He did not want to drag this kind of battle any longer. Thus, he already took a heavy step forward before those three men could prepare their attacks.

“Bang!”

Abruptly, the air under Lin Dong’s feet exploded. Like an artillery shell, Lin Dong flew over a few hundred feet and broke into the three-men formation mysteriously. A formidable energy ripple then erupted and forcefully separated the three men.

“Be careful, he wants to beat us down one by one!” One of the peak Manifestation stage elite bellowed after he witnessed what had happened.

“Even if you know what I’m going to do, it’s useless!”

Just as he finished his sentence, the air beneath him suddenly exploded. Like a ghost, Lin Dong’s figure then appeared behind him.

“Armour of Light!”

The moment he felt a surge of frantic energy behind him, the

peak Manifestation stage elite's facial expression changed slightly. Then, with a jolt of his body, his Yuan Power formed an armour of light on the surface of his body.

“Boom!”

Just when the armour was formed, Lin Dong's punch landed heavily on it with a loud bang. Immediately, a terrifying power erupted from his punch.

“Bang!”

As the punch landed on its target, vibrations resounded through the air. At this moment, that peak Manifestation stage elite's face was gushing with fear. That was because he discovered that the armour of light he just formed was as weak as a piece of thin paper.

“Crack!”

As the armour of light exploded, the physical body of that peak Manifestation stage elite followed suit and exploded as well. Lin Dong's brutal strength had directly entered the elite's body and destroyed him from within.

Numerous gasps broke out from the onlookers on the citywall as they saw the slowly dissipating blood mist on Lin Dong's fist. No one had expected Lin Dong to kill a peak Manifestation stage elite with one punch!

At the same time, the yellow-clothed man and the other elite were stunned by this scene as well. They did not expect their companion, who was of the same skill level as them, to be killed by Lin Dong with a single punch. Apparently, the intel that they gathered on Lin Dong was extremely inconsistent with what was happening now. All they knew was Lin Dong killed Li Sheng by luck after a bitter battle. Therefore, when Jin Mu sent them on this mission, they already treated it as a successful mission. However, as they saw what was going on now, they realised that they had made a mistake this time around...

Of course, there was no chance for them to regret. As such, when Lin Dong shot them an apathetic glance, their facial expression changed and retreated together. Both of them had witnessed Lin Dong's terrifying physical strength and naturally did not want to end up like their companion

“Bang! Bang!”

Given their speed, it was impossible for them to escape from Lin Dong. Thus, at that moment, Lin Dong flew towards them and punched out both his fists. Two violent gusts of fist wind ripped through the air and landed squarely on the escaping duo.

As the powerful fist wind came in contact with them, the yellow-clothed guy and the other elite finally understood why their dead companion would turn into a blood mist. This kind of power is comparable to half-step-to Nirvana Stage elite's power!

“Cough! Vomit!”

Two mouthful of blood spat out from each of the duo's mouths. The two of them could withstand the attacks because Lin Dong was punching them through nothing but air. However, their faces had turned pale-white and their eyes were surging with fear. They seemed to lose their arrogance as well.

“Faster leave now! This man is too powerful, only the Big Senior can handle him!”

These two men were decisive individuals. The moment they saw how tough was Lin Dong, they did not want to linger at that place any longer. With a jolt of their bodies, they leapt onto their gigantic beast. The beast then flapped its huge wings and escaped from that place.

“Swoosh!”

Just as the gigantic beast was making its escape, a scarlet light streaked across the sky. An extremely sharp, blood-red python whip pierced through the body of that flying beast. Without any reduction in its power, the whip continued its path and accurately pierced through the yellow-clothed guy and his last companion. Finally, a bloody mist could be seen bursting out from the duo's skulls.

At this moment, a dead silence swept through the onlookers on the citywall when they saw that a huge bloody python had pierced through the two escaping figures.

Even Mo Ling, Man Shan and Du Yuan could not help but secretly swallow their saliva. All three peak Manifestation stage elites had just been killed without any hesitation...

Chapter 419: Proceeding Towards Yang City

In the sky, an enormous sharp blood python penetrated the gigantic beast and the bodies of the yellow clothed man duo atop it. Fresh blood continuously poured down from the sky like pillars, turning the land below blood red.

The one who had sneaked attack in the end was naturally Little Flame. After absorbing the Ancient Heavenly Crocodile's blood within the Sacred Spirit Pool, its python tail had transformed into an Earthly Soul Treasure that did not lose out to the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear in Lin Dong's hands. Even advanced Manifestation stage practitioners would find it difficult to defend against this python tail. If it was a hidden attack, it was extremely like for even a peak Manifestation practitioner to be pierced, just like the current scene before their eyes.

“Roar!”

Little Flame waved its python tail, which was as sharp as a blade, before ferociously throwing the three corpses towards the ground below. Immediately turning them into a bloody pulp as they smashed into the ground.

Upon seeing this, Lin Dong grabbed out with his hand as three Qiankun bags flew over before steadily landing in his hands. His Mental Energy roughly spread out, as a smile flashed across his face. The trio's collection was rather bountiful, and there were a total of six thousand Nirvana pills in the Qiankun bags. Although this was lesser than Li Sheng, it was not bad at all.

After roughly checking his spoils of battle, Lin Dong's figure moved and dashed up the city walls. Currently, there were still several Saint Light Empire Manifestation practitioners on the city walls. However, when they saw Lin Dong charge at them, fear rose up in their eyes as they shrieked while hastily escaping.

Lin Dong obviously did not plan on showing mercy to any of these Saint Light Empire lackeys. Several punches exploded in the empty air, the berserk as a volcano fist wind directly killing all of these Saint Light Empire lackeys besides one. This scene caused the legs of all the onlookers to tremble, they never imagined that in the short few days they had not seen him, Lin Dong's strength would actually reach the terrifying stage of instant killing an advanced Manifestation stage practitioner and even heavily injuring a peak Manifestation practitioner in a single punch!

After taking care of the lackeys, Lin Dong's figure appeared beside the Mo Ling trio. With a wave of his hand, he broke the bindings on their bodies and asked, "Are you guys alright?"

"Nothing too serious. These guys thought that you had escaped and wanted to use us as hostages to make you appear. Hence, they did not truly intend to murder us." Mo Ling bitterly smiled as he shook his head. Even those guys did not expect that once Lin Dong appeared, they would not even have the opportunity to use the hostages before being cleanly finished off by Lin Dong.

"Your strength?" Du Yun stared at Lin Dong in astonishment and could not help but ask.

"I've successfully mastered a martial art, thus my strength has

risen a little.” Lin Dong offhandedly chuckled before speaking again, “Looks like Jin Mu really wants to take my life. Since he could not come himself, he sent his underlings.”

“Heh, they’ve lost another three peak Manifestation stage practitioners this time. I believe Mu Jin would go crazy with rage when he finds out.” Man Shan evilly chuckled before remarking.

“When does brother Lin Dong plan on heading towards Yang City?” Mo Ling looked towards Lin Dong. Now that he knew Lin Dong had been successful, he would definitely want to head for Yang City to vie over the ‘Ancient Secret Key’.

“I will be leaving tomorrow.” Lin Dong pondered for a moment. Without further ado, he grabbed the one lackey he had left alive and threw him towards Mo Ling, “Fish out some information from him. They were all Jin Mu’s followers and should know a little news about the Ancient Secret Key.”

“Roger.”

Upon hearing these words, the Mo Ling trio nodded their heads. Soon after, they evilly looked at the remaining scared stiff Saint Light Empire member. Although they did not have to worry about their lives after falling into the Saint Light Empire’s hands, they had suffered a little and it just so happened that they could use this unfortunate fellow to vent their resentment.

After taking care of these troubles, Lin Dong ignored the gazes from the gathering point and flew towards the high tower after

informing the Mo Ling trio.

Seated within the high tower, Lin Dong's gaze turned towards Little Flame, or more accurately, Little Flame's strange python tail. Some tiny changes had occurred to the python tail and it now looked like a hammer. The python tail was also finely covered in blood red scales which were matchlessly sharp. Together, they gave off a spine-chilling feeling, and even Lin Dong's eyes turned a little serious when he saw the flickering light from it.

“With Little Flame's current strength, its sneak attack was enough to kill a peak Manifestation stage practitioner. The power of this python tail did not lose out at all to the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear.” Lin Dong softly praised. Little Flame was becoming stronger and stronger, which was great news for him.

Tomorrow, he would head for Yang City. The powerful practitioners there were as numerous as the clouds in the sky, and even included half-step-to Nirvana practitioners. At his side, there was currently only Little Flame who could help him. The Mo Ling trio's strength would at most be able to delay a peak Manifestation practitioner, and was incapable of beating one.

Hence, Lin Dong was rather delighted with Little Flame's increase in strength.

Lin Dong gently rubbed Little Flame's large head. Moments later, he slowly shut his eyes and once again entered a cultivation state. However, his quiet cultivation only lasted for three hours before being broken by the arrival of the Mo Ling trio.

“We have obtained the information.” Upon hearing the first few words Mo Ling said, a smile surfaced on Lin Dong’s face. Yang City was a gathering of dragons and snakes, thus, for him to mix in with them and vie for the Ancient Secret Key, information was absolutely necessary.

“There are currently practitioners from several empires gathered at Yang City. Their target is the Ancient Secret Key. Looks like this ancient hidden treasure hoard is quite a heavyweight, or else, it would not possess such an allure.” Mo Ling was clearly a little happy. If they could obtain the hidden treasure, they would definitely possess the chance to attack the Nirvana stage.

Lin Dong nodded his head, unsurprised by this information. Within the ancient hidden treasure hoard was the Samsara pill that could cause even Little Marten to be wild with joy. It was obviously no ordinary treasure hoard.

“Because there are too many parties in Yang City, even that fellow doesn’t know the exact number. However, among those empires that he knows off, there are four empires that have half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners. These four empires are rather famous in Yang City.”

“These four empires are the Great Hidden Empire, the Iron Empire, the Sea Scale Empire and... the Saint Light Empire...”

Lin Dong slowly nodded his head. These empires were far stronger than the Great Yan Empire, hence, having half-step-to

Nirvana practitioners was nothing to be surprised about. Moreover, although Lin Dong needed to take a cautious approach towards half-step-to Nirvana practitioners, this was far from being fear. With the Blood Soul Puppet, unless a true Nirvana stage practitioner appeared, no one would be able to kill him.

“Is there a true Nirvana stage practitioner in Yang City?!” Lin Dong thought for a while before inquiring.

“The waters in Yang City are deep, and contain all sorts of characters. Although some of the empires are not as famous as these four, they are not weak at all. No one knows whether they are hiding any half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners. However, there are likely no true Nirvana stage practitioners.” Mo Ling replied.

In the current ancient battlefield, as long as one was able to step in the realm of half-step-to Nirvana, they would be one of the top ranking practitioners. As for genuine Nirvana stage practitioners, there were likely none to be found even in Yang City. After all, though Yang City was the largest gathering point in a ten thousand mile radius, compared to the entire ancient battlefield, it was extremely insignificant. Hence, no Nirvana stage practitioners should appear here...

In response to Mo Ling’s words, Lin Dong did not comment. If the ancient treasure hoard could stir even Little Marten’s heart, a true-blue Nirvana stage practitioner would definitely be unable to resist. No one could say for sure that there were no Nirvana stage practitioners lying in ambush within Yang City, indifferently eying the battle between the empires, and waiting like a fisherman to act

at the final moment.

However, even if there truly was a Nirvana stage practitioner in Yang City, Lin Dong was determined to win the Ancient Secret Key. This matter not only involved Little Marten's creation of a physical body, but he also knew that if he could obtain this secret treasure, he would definitely be able to use this to attack the Nirvana stage, and rise above the rest in the sky-shaking war a year later!

The number of participating empires in the Hundred Empire War were innumerable. Among them were countless geniuses and monsters, they all started off at different points and their destinies were all greater than Lin Dong's. After all, the luck in this world could not possibly all fall upon Lin Dong. Hence, to contend against the geniuses and monsters from the various empires, Lin Dong needed to be prepared.

It was impossible for him to yield something like the ancient treasure hoard to others!

“We will move out tomorrow and proceed towards Yang City to fight for the mysterious key!” With these thoughts, Lin Dong naturally no longer had any hesitations as he declared in a low voice.

In response to Lin Dong's declaration, the Mo Ling trio solemnly nodded their heads. Not only were they not fearful, there was instead passion in their eyes. They had absolute faith in Lin Dong. Since the start of their journey, the feats that Lin Dong had displayed caused them to celebrate the fact that they had chosen

him over Lin Langtian...

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The next day, just as the morning light tore apart the darkness and sprinkled onto the land, a powerful wind sound echoed in the skies above the gathering point. Some people lifted their heads, only to see four figures dashing out from the high towers before landing on a ferocious Demonic Beast's back. Bringing with them a roaring gale, they flew towards the edge of the horizon.

As they watched the disappearing shadows, several people in the gathering point felt a little frustrated and disappointed. They knew that Lin Dong and gang would no longer return, and instead head for greater and more magnificent places within the ancient battlefield to fight over more resources, and from there distinguish themselves in this Hundred Empire War. In comparison, the ones left behind would perhaps slowly vanish from the ancient battlefield, and their previous reputations as geniuses of their various empires would follow and fade away...

Chapter 420: Trio's Breakthrough

Sonic booms suddenly echoed in the azure blue skies as a red light flashed across the horizon like lightning. In a flash, it disappeared at the edge of the horizon.

If one took a closer look, one would discover that the red light was an enormous Demonic Beast that gave off a ferocious aura. Atop the Demonic Beast, several figures quietly sat. They were Lin Dong and the other three who had left the gathering point and were heading towards Yang City.

The distance between the gathering point and Yang City would take several days of travelling to cover. Lin Dong and gang had already rushed for a whole day without stopping. According to Little Flame's speed, they should be able to reach Yang City two days later.

On Little Flame's broad tiger back, Lin Dong was seated at the very front. His powerful Mental Energy spread outwards, forming a protective screen that completely covered the group while also shielding them from the wild winds due to flying.

While isolating themselves from the wild wind, Lin Dong's gaze turned to look behind. The Mo Ling trio currently had their eyes tightly shut as vigorous Yuan Power stirred around their bodies. A radiant object floated in front of each of them while faintly emitting powerful energy vibrations.

These three radiant objects were three Earthly Soul Treasures!

Moreover, these three Earthly Soul Treasures were naturally given by Lin Dong. It just so happened that he had found three Earthly Soul Treasures from the Qiankun bags of the three peak Manifestation stage Saint Light Empire practitioners. Hence, he took advantage of this windfall by giving them to the Mo Ling trio.

Currently, the four of them could be considered as a small team. Mo Ling and the rest viewed Lin Dong as their leader, thus Lin Dong naturally did not plan to treat them too unfairly. Perhaps, he took it as earning some good karma, plus if the Great Yan Empire royal family, Heavenly Luo Sect and the rest knew of this in future, they would likely take extra effort to care for the Yan City Lin Family.

Therefore, after obtaining the three Soul Treasures, Lin Dong gifted them to the trio without much hesitation. Now that there were considered a team, increasing the Mo Ling trio's strength would allow them to be of better assistance to Lin Dong.

“This trio is not weak, they should be able to very quickly refine the Soul Treasures. From fluctuations in their auras, they must have benefited rather substantially over this period of time in the ancient battlefield, and now faintly show signs of reaching the peak Manifestation stage.” At this moment, Little Marten's voice sounded out in Lin Dong's mind.

Lin Dong gently nodded his head. The time the Mo Ling trio had spent in the advanced Manifestation stage was definitely longer than him. The fact that they now showed indicators of making a breakthrough before him was not something to be dispirited

about. After all, if they were to talk about battle power, the current Lin Dong was not a force that peak Manifestation practitioners would contend against.

“Since they are about to have a breakthrough, I can give them a little assistance.”

Lin Dong stared at the trio. Suddenly, his mind moved as Devouring Power stealthily spread out from his body. Immediately, the surrounding Yuna Power endlessly gathered over, transforming into Nirvana Qi after being refined by the Devouring Power, before continuously tunneling into the Mo Ling trio’s bodies.

“Buzz!”

Suddenly receiving such vigorous Nirvana Qi caused the Mo Ling trio’s bodies to jerk while the surging of their auras grew increasingly violent, and faintly showed signs of overcoming any obstructions.

Of course, if they truly wanted to break through, it would not be so easy even with Lin Dong secretly helping them. In the following day of journeying, Lin Dong practically temporarily stopped his cultivation and continued to devour the Yuan Power from the land, refining it into Nirvana Qi before pouring it into the Mo Lin trio’s bodies to help them pave the road for their advancement.

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A day swiftly passed. On dusk of the second day, The mind of Lin Dong, who was taking in the Yuan Power of the land, suddenly moved, as the unceasing stream of Nirvana Qi was forcibly halted by him, before he looked towards the Mo Ling trio.

At this moment, powerful Yuan Power undulations surged about the trio's bodies, while their auras continued to strengthen. In a few short breaths, the intensity of their auras broke past the advanced Manifestation stage and completely stepped into the peak Manifestation level!

“Have they succeeded...” Upon seeing this, Lin Dong gently smiled.

As the trio's auras successfully soared and stabilized, the Mo Ling trio finally slowly opened their eyes. Immediately, they looked towards Lin Dong before solemnly clasping their hands together, “Brother Lin Dong, great favors have no need for thanks, if you have any use for us in future, feel free to tell us!”

Although the trio were in a state of cultivation, they were still able to sense what was happening on the outside world. They knew that the sudden influx of Nirvana Qi into their bodies was definitely unnatural, and the only one who would help them here was clearly Lin Dong.

They also knew the level they were at. If they cultivated normally, it would still require at least half a year before they could successfully break through. Yet, with Lin Dong's aid, they were able to complete this step in a short span of less than two days, and thoroughly step into the peak Manifestation level, plus even

completely stabilize their auras.

Due to the fact that they did not know Lin Dong possessed a godly item like the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, from what they could tell, Lin Dong must have used up many Nirvana pills to help them this time. This caused them to be secretly a little ashamed. They also had a small Nirvana pill stash, but these were being saved for attacking the Nirvana stage, and were fundamentally not used for daily cultivation. Moreover, they clearly understood how important Nirvana pills were to them and even Lin Dong. Yet, Lin Dong was willing to fish out a huge amount of Nirvana pills to help them reach the peak Manifestation stage. This act of friendship inevitably caused the trio to be somewhat moved in their hearts.

Lin Dong chuckled as he spread out his hands, “It’s great that all of you have succeeded. Elite practitioners are as numerous as the clouds in Yang City, your raise in strength will help increase our chances in the fight for the ‘Mysterious Ancient Key’.”

Given the Mo Ling trio’s current strength plus the power of their Soul Treasures, even if they encountered those people from the Saint Light Empire again, as long as Jin Mu did not step in, they would no longer be at a disadvantageous position.

“Haha, with the Earthly Soul Treasures given to us by brother Lin Dong, even if the Saint Light Empire still had someone at the level of Li Sheng, they would be unable to stop us.” Man Shan heartily laughed. His hand reached out as a giant black axe appeared within it. As he waved it, powerful undulations spread out.

“With your current strength, you indeed do not need to fear peak Manifestation stage practitioners. However, if you encounter half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners, you will still have no power to resist.” Lin Dong muttered. Although the half-step-to Nirvana could not truly be considered as the Nirvana stage, its power was much higher than the peak Manifestation stage.

In response to this, the Mo Ling trio could only bitterly smile as they nodded their heads. In the face of a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners, let alone the three of them, even if they tripled their numbers, they would still be unable to contend.

“I have a formation here, the three of you can practise it, and if it is used well, it will raise your battle power substantially. Even if you are faced with a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, even though you will be unable to win, you will at least be able to retreat with your lives.” Lin Dong pondered for a while before suddenly speaking.

“Eh?” Upon hearing this, the Mo Ling trio could not help but be a little excited. What kind of formation would actually allow them to possess the capability to match a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner?

Lin Dong faintly smiled. He naturally did not know of such a formation, and the one who knew of it was Little Marten. Currently, there were not many people whom he could trust and the Mo Ling trio had obtained his trust, thus, he naturally would not be too stingy.

“This formation is called the Triple Mysterious Black Formation. In future, if the three of you polish it well, it will definitely bring

about endless benefits.” Lin Dong’s figure moved and appeared before the Mo Ling trio. His fingertips touched the trio’s foreheads as information immediately flowed from his fingertips into their minds.

The Mo Ling trio closed their eyes and carefully observed the profound formation. A long while later, they once again opened their eyes, revealing the thick shock within. Even the Great Yan Empire royal family would never have possessed such a powerful formation, yet, it was casually given to them by Lin Dong today. For a time, the trio could not help but be a little dazed as they looked towards Lin Dong with slightly peculiar gazes. At this time, even an idiot would know that Lin Dong’s true bottom line was undoubtedly not as simple as they had imagined...

However, Lin Dong did not mind the trio’s gazes. He returned to his position and seated himself, smiling, “Who knows what the future will be. If we are somehow split up, as long as you do not provoke those opponents you are incapable of facing, this formation will allow all of you to protect yourselves within the ancient battlefield.”

“Brother Lin Dong, many thanks!” The trio exchanged a look, intense gratefulness in their eyes. They knew how important this was for them.

“You can first try to comprehend the formation for a while, given our speed, we should reach Yang City tomorrow. There are as many powerful practitioners there as the clouds in the sky, thus, any increase in strength will be an increase in the ability to protect yourselves.” Lin Dong waved his hand and said.

Upon hearing this, the Mo Ling trio nodded their heads before closing their eyes to ponder over the formidable formation that flowed in their minds...

While the trio closed their eyes, Lin Dong also gradually entered a cultivation state. The 'Triple Mysterious Black Formation' Little Marten had provided was indeed not weak at all. If it were not for his gradual trust in the Mo Ling trio, Lin Dong would not have given such a formation to them.

Lin Dong also very clearly understood that the four of them would definitely split up in future. Since the Mo Ling trio was willing to follow him, he naturally had to give some consideration for them. With this 'Triple Mysterious Black Formation', even if they split up in future, Lin Dong would not be too worried...

As the four of them entered a cultivation state, the top of the tiger back lapsed into silence, leaving Little Flame to flap its huge wings, transforming into a flash of red light that swept across the horizon.

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As they hurried in such a manner, when noon of the third day arrived, Lin Dong's tightly shut eyes suddenly opened. His eyes looked far into the distance, and discovered the silhouette of city slowly appear at the end of sight like an enormous ancient beast.

Within the silhouette of the city, countless powerful auras spread

outwards and soared into the skies.

Yang City!

Upon seeing this, Lin Dong's eyes gradually burned with passion. This place could truly be considered as a spot where the geniuses of the Hundred Empire War gathered!

Chapter 421: Bazaar

That ancient and towering city was located in a cross-junction between mountains. Just like a creeping and vicious beast, it formed a natural protective barrier that separated this city from the outside world.

Inside the city, even though it was extremely huge, one could sense countless powerful auras. In contrast, the previous gathering spots seem just like a poor ditch.

“Is this Yang City? It is indeed filled with countless powerful practitioners!” Mo Ling and the rest also detected several powerful auras that shot through the horizons. Immediately, awe gushed into their faces. In this city, the weakest one was probably a initial Manifestation stage practitioner. After all, no matter how small one’s kingdom was, if one was unable to reach Manifestation stage, there would be no point in entering the Hundred Empire War.

Lin Dong also gently nodded his head. It seems like almost every elite practitioner within a several hundred mile radius had gathered in Yang City. In fact, some powerful empires were also stationed at this city. This was the first time that Lin Dong had actually witnessed such a magnificent sight.

“Let’s go and find a resting point in the city. After which, we can snoop around and try to find out the location of that “Mysterious Ancient Key”. Besides, there seems to be something like a bazaar in this city?” Lin Dong suddenly looked at Mo Ling before he said.

“Yes, that venue is akin to a bazaar. If brother Lin Dong wants to buy anything, that is the place to go.” Mo Ling nodded his head and said: “However, the only currency accepted here is Nirvana Pills. If you want to purchase something, you must have sufficient Nirvana Pills.”

Lin Dong smiled. Right now, he desperately needed Nirvana Pills. Therefore, how could he possibly spare any to purchase other items. The reason why he wanted to go to the bazaar was because he wanted to auction off some martial arts and Soul Treasures and try to accumulate thirty thousand Nirvana Pills as soon as possible. After all, this would be crucial during the fight for the Mysterious Ancient Key. This Yang City is extremely deep and who knows if there are any Nirvana practitioners hidden within. Right now, since he had yet to fully refine his Blood Soul Puppet, he could not last long in a fight and he would be in trouble if he ran into any problem.

Therefore, Lin Dong must quickly take care of the Blood Soul Puppet.

When he thought of this point, Lin Dong helplessly shook his head. It seems like he was nearly driven insane by these Nirvana Pills. Promptly, he waved his palm, before Little Flame flapped its wings and increased its speed. Following which, it transformed into a red flash and dashed into that massive Yang City.

As Lin Dong did not want to attract attention, while he was still a distance away from Yang City, he immediately instructed Little Flame to descend. Then, all them proceeded on foot rapidly. Soon after, that massive gate appeared in front of their eyes.

Outside of the city gate, there were crowds of people continuously streaming through, while a noisy commotion echoed out and shot into the heavens.

Outside of the Yang City, unlike the other gathering spots, there was no one asking for tolls. After all, this was not a small place and the ones who could reach here were all fairly skilled. Therefore, perhaps even a Nirvana practitioner would not be able to force them to obediently hand over the fees.

Furthermore, various large empires were gathered at this spot and they served as a check and balance on one another. Therefore, it would be impossible for the Saint Light Empire to dominate the entire city.

Hence, after a short wait, Lin Dong and the rest successfully entered the city. Inside Yang City, even though there were no overlords, there were various powerful factions, which divided up the city and they each took a respective zone.

Lin Dong and the rest did not look for any special lodging. Instead, they looked for a resting point in a slightly more rural part of the city. Then, without much delay, after asking around for a while, they headed towards the center of Yang City. That was because the bazaar was located right in the middle of the city.

Generally speaking, there were no rules in the ancient battlefield. However, as long as humans exist, there will be rules. Even having the strongest preying on the weakest was also a type of rule.

Of course, the bazaar in Yang City was not as safe as compared to the bazaars outside. In this area, there were no auctioneer and if you wanted to sell your own items, you had to do so yourself. Since there were no protective measures unlike other bazaars, there were some unlucky fellows who got robbed after they revealed their treasures.

The only rule here is that the weak will become prey for the strong. If one did not possess strength, then one did not deserve to possess treasure!

The bazaar in Yang City was considered as the most crowded place in the entire city. Therefore, when Lin Dong and the rest reached this area, in front of their eyes, all they could see was a sea of black bobbing heads.

When Lin Dong and the rest walked into the bazaar, they immediately spent a dozen over Nirvana Pills and obtained a stone tablet with a number written on it. Following which, they relied on their stone tablet to look for a spot in the bazaar.

After they sat down on their seats, Lin Dong began to scan his surroundings. Immediately, his pupils gently shrunk. That was because he could sense that there were several powerful auras in this bazaar.

After Lin Dong quickly scanned through the entire bazaar, he turned to look at the seats located right at the front of the bazaar. At that area, he saw some men and horses there. Meanwhile, right

in the middle, he could faintly feel a formidable aura that could oppress the entire field.

“Half-step-to Nirvana!”

When he sensed that formidable aura, a tinge of shock flashed across Lin Dong’s eyes. He had never expected that he would so quickly encounter a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner after reaching Yang City.

“They are all powerful empires in Yang City and all of them have half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners stationed. However, it seems like the Saint Light Empire’s members are not around...” When he saw Lin Dong’s expression, Mo Ling softly said.

“That may not be true...”

When he heard his words, Lin Dong gently smiled. Then, he turned to look at a secluded corner on his right. At that area, there were a dozen or so figures, while one of them sat quietly on a stone chair. This man was dressed in white robes and he had a casual expression while he slowly rotated a jade ball in his hand. Meanwhile, an extremely formidable Yuan Power vibration faintly appeared.

This person was not foreign to Lin Dong. That was because he resembled the glowing figure that shone out from the white jade elephant. Even though that glowing figure looked blurry, Lin Dong was still able to recognize him instantly.

This man was definitely the Saint Light Empire half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, Jin Mu!

“Is that man Jin Mu?” As they followed Lin Dong’s eyes, Mo Ling and the rest also turned to look at that calm man, dressed in white robes. Immediately, their expressions changed. Evidently, they had never expected that after barely arriving at Yang City, they had directly collided with Jin Mu. It seems like enemies often cross paths.

“Don’t worry. That Jin Mu does not recognize us. Furthermore, you have killed all the men that he sent. Therefore, there is no way he can recognize us.” Du Yun softly said.

Lin Dong smiled casually. Even though he had encountered Jin Mu, he was not too worried about it. Even if that fellow recognized him, he had no need to fear. After all, now that he had mastered initial “Lesser Nirvana Gold Body”, if they really fought, that Jin Mu may not defeat him.

“Everyone, my black Soul Treasure vest is an Earthly Soul Treasure and it is able to withstand an all-out attack from an advanced Manifestation practitioner. Furthermore, there is a strange formation inside my Soul Treasure and it is able to reduce the suppressive effects caused by nightfall in this ancient battlefield. Therefore, it will help you out tremendously in a prolonged fight. Let’s start from five thousand Nirvana Pills!”

Just as Lin Dong turned away from that Saint Light Empire practitioner, nearby, a man had already stood up. Meanwhile, there was a black vest in his hands. Undulated on that vest, was a

powerful energy shockwave.

The Earthly Soul Treasure that this man had offered was pretty decent. Furthermore, since it could reduce some of the suppressive effects caused by nightfall, it caused some of them to immediately salivate. Promptly, several people quickly bid. Eventually, this Soul Treasure was bought by a person for seven thousand Nirvana Pills.

In the following time, several people orderly displayed the items that they were auctioning. Some of them managed to obtain a fairly decent price, while some unlucky ones had no takers and they could only retreat gloomily.

With regards to the treasures in the auction, Lin Dong was fairly interested in them. However, in the end, he did not make a move. After all, he did not have much Nirvana Pills and he could not afford to splurge them.

As everyone waited for their turn, half an hour later, it was finally Lin Dong's turn. Under the stares from the crowd, he slowly stood up before he gripped his palm. Instantly, three glowing light scrolls appeared in his hand.

“Demonic Wind Chilling Palm, pseudo Manifestation martial arts. Auction starting price, four thousand Nirvana Pills!”

“Great Desolate Ocean Splitting Seal, pseudo Manifestation martial arts. If you can master it, it can be considered as a low-grade Manifestation martial arts. Auction starting price, five

thousand Nirvana Pills!”

“Great Sun Thunder Body, physical enhancing martial arts. If you can master it, it is equivalent to a Manifestation martial arts. There are hardly any equals within the same category. Auction starting price, ten thousand Nirvana Pills!”

Amongst these three martial arts, the first was casually tossed to him by Little Marten. The second and third one had all been mastered by Lin Dong. Now that there were no longer needed, it was appropriate to auction them off.

Even for most people here, Manifestation martial arts was a rare find. After all, even the powerful Saint Light Empire only had a mid-grade Manifestation martial arts. Therefore, when they saw Lin Dong casually auction off three pseudo Manifestation martial arts, a slight buzz emerged in the auction house. In particular, the final Great Sun Thunder Body caused many people to stare at it fervently. Physical enhancing martial arts were rare and many people placed great emphasis on improving their physical bodies. After all, regardless of whether one wanted to attack Nirvana stage or survive a Nirvana Tribulations, one needed to have a strong physical body. Therefore, when the Great Sun Thunder Body manual appeared, even some half-step-to Nirvana practitioners were moved. The only problem was that it was slightly pricey.

After the bazaar was silent for a moment, the crowds quickly clamoured to offer a higher price. Meanwhile, Lin Dong remained calm as he waited for the final number.

Just as Lin Dong was waiting for the results of the auction, seated

in front of him, that Jin Mu slowly tilted his head down, before he turned to look at Lin Dong's figure. Then, his eyes were just like a poisonous cobra as they slowly narrowed...

Chapter 422: Jin Mu

In the bazaar, higher prices continuously echoed out. After all, the three martial arts that Lin Dong displayed were fairly powerful. In particular, the Great Sun Thunder body left several people in the crowd salivating. However, its high price of ten thousand Nirvana Pills caused some of them to flinch.

The first ones to be sold were the Demonic Wind Chilling Palm and the Great Desolate Ocean Splitting Seal. The first one was successfully sold for five thousand Nirvana Pills while the latter was sold for six thousand pills. All together, it was eleven thousand Nirvana Pills. This fact caused Lin Dong to secretly gulp. It seems like Manifestation martial arts were quite in demand here.

Lin Dong stretched out his hand and tossed over the Great Desolate Ocean Splitting glowing tube to the final bidder. As that glowing tube flew across the sky, faintly, it seems like the air was directly directly ripped apart. Following which, that bidder directly grabbed onto it. The powerful impact that he received caused his body to violently shake. Immediately, that man's facial expression changed, while his originally glimmering eyes stealthily dimmed. After a slight moment of hesitation, he took out a Qiankun bag and tossed it to Lin Dong.

After he received that Qiankun bag, Lin Dong casually glanced at it before he finally nodded his head. The rules here were rather blurry and strength reigns supreme. Therefore, he was clearly aware that the previous fellow must have harboured ill-intentions towards him. If Lin Dong did not use this method to secretly shock him, that fellow would not have so easily surrendered his Nirvana Pills.

After he sold the Great Desolate Ocean Splitting Seal, only the ‘Great Sun Thunder Body’ remained. However, due to its exorbitant price, for a moment, there was actually no one who dared to bid. However, judging from the fervent expressions in the crowd’s eyes, Lin Dong clearly knew that many of them were interested in it.

“Everyone, my “Great Sun Thunder Body” is split into three stages, Bronze Thunder Body, Jade Thunder Body and Great Sun Thunder Body. If you can reach the highest stage, among practitioners in the same cultivation level, none of their physical bodies can match yours. Ten thousand Nirvana Pills is not an expensive price. If any one of you are interested, feel free to bid.” Lin Dong’s casual words ricocheted across the bazaar.

“Haha, I am fairly interested in this physical enhancing martial arts. Even though it is not cheap, I believe that it is worth the price. In that case, let me take the lead. Eleven thousand Nirvana Pills.”

After Lin Dong spoke, a laughter finally sounded out. Lin Dong followed that voice only to see that in the seats at the front, there was a man wearing a blue shirt smiling at him.

Lin Dong glanced at that man in a blue shirt. From the powerful shockwaves coursing through his body, he was evidently a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner. However, what caused Lin Dong to be shocked was that after that man in a blue shirt spoke, there were a few sympathetic stares cast towards him...

“That man should be called Hai Sha from the Hai Ling Empire and he has a fairly renowned reputation in Yang City. Most importantly, it is reputed that fellow hardly pays for what he buys. Often times, he expects others to “give” it to him!” Mo Ling’s expression gently changed as he promptly whispered to Lin Dong.

When he heard his words, Lin Dong’s expression did not change and there was only a cold grin flowing in his eyes. He did not care how renowned that fellow was in Yang City. If he really wanted to take advantage of him, he would make him understand that what he would be biting into is no soft persimmon, but rather a hard steel board.

“Heh, even though my Steel Empire’s Heavy Steel Body would not lose out to the Great Sun Thunder Body, I would still like to learn about it. Twelve thousand Nirvana Pills.” Just as cold grin flashed across Lin Dong’s eyes, suddenly a tanned muscular man released an odd laugh before he spoke. There was a metallic-like glow undulated on his body and he seemed extremely sturdy, just like a steel board.

When he heard this tanned muscular man’s words, that man in blue shirt furrowed his brows. Promptly, he chose to ignore him before he turned to Lin Dong and asked casually: “Who do you want to sell to?”

Even though he spoke casually, faintly, one could feel an icy-cold sensation emerging and there was a hint of intimidation behind his words.

When they heard that man in blue shirt’s words, the bazaar

quietened down. Then, there were even more sympathetic glances cast towards Lin Dong. He was stuck between two great empires and regardless of who he sold to, he would wind up offending one of them.

Of course, Lin Dong chose to ignore those sympathetic glances and it was as if he could not detect the hidden intent behind Hai Sha's words. His voice was calm as he said: "I will sell to the highest bidder."

After Lin Dong spoke, many people were stunned, before they promptly shook their head secretly. That fellow is simply too ignorant and he actually believed that this was a fair auction like outside?

"Haha, Hai Sha, it seems like someone is not afraid of you!" When he heard Lin Dong's answer, that tanned muscular man's eyes glimmered before he laughed heartily.

Members from the other empires also stared inquisitively at this sight. Usually, there was hardly anyone who dared to disrespect Hai Sha. However, he never expected this new fellow to be actually this rude...

Hai Sha's face was calm while he leaned on his stone chair and it was as if he did not hear Lin Dong's reply. Instead, he casually said: "You have lost a chance to make a decent fortune. I will give you one thousand Nirvana Pills now. Hand over your martial arts."

"It seems like today, there is no one willing to buy my physical

enhancing martial arts. In that case, it's time for me to go." Lin Dong smiled before he flipped his palm. Then, that glowing tube immediately disappeared. With regards to Hai Sha's words, he chose to completely ignore it.

When he saw Lin Dong's actions, Hai Sha's body gradually leaned forward, while a venomous cold glint flowed in his eyes.

"Wait."

However, just as Hai Sha stood up, another voice suddenly sounded out. Then, the crowd's attention shifted before they turned to look at a man dressed in white robes.

"Jin Mu? Are you interested in this physical enhancing martial arts as well?" When he saw that man dressed in white robes, Hai Sha's brows furrowed as he spoke.

"Haha, I am not interested in the physical enhancing martial arts. Rather, I am interested in the person."

After Jin Mu casually laughed, his attention slowly focused on Lin Dong's body before he said: "Since you could come here, it seems like you must have killed everyone that I sent after you. However, I must admit that you have guts. After killing my Saint Light Empire members, you actually dare to appear in front of me. You believe that I can't recognize you. However, you are simply too greedy. Even though you have wiped off the Mental Energy Seal in my white jade elephant, you are unable to completely wipe off the vibration..."

Wah.

When they heard Jin Mu's words, several people around stared in bewilderment at Lin Dong. Evidently, they did not expect that he actually dared to kill members from the Saint Light Empire. After all, everyone in Yang City knew that Jin Mu was a vengeful man. Therefore, it seem like Lin Dong would probably meet his demise today.

“Haha, interesting. It seems like this kid has balls of steel...” Hai Sha was also stunned, before he softly chuckled: “In that case, I will let brother Jin Mu handle this problem. After you are finished with him, I will buy that physical enhancing martial arts from you for ten thousand Nirvana Pills.”

In Hai Sha's opinion, Lin Dong was merely at advanced Manifestations stage and he could easily kill him with a flip of his hand. Furthermore, based on his status, Lin Dong should be counting his blessings that he was willing to buy from him. However, he never expected Lin Dong to be this rude towards him and this was unacceptable for him.

However, with regards to the stares from the crowd as well as Jin Mu's words, Lin Dong chose to ignore them. After he kept his glowing tube, he lifted his head and stared at Jin Mu before he said: “Those bastards who rely on numbers to bully others are better off dead. Else, if they stuck around you, they would likely cause trouble for you.”

“Even if they are useless, it is not for you to decide.” Jin Mu casually laughed before he said: “How about you kill yourself. Else, if you end up in my hands, you will suffer a fate worse than death.”

“I really wonder where your confidence stems from. Is it because you are at half-step-to Nirvana stage?” Lin Dong helpless shook his head. It seems like this great empire’s members were all extremely arrogant.

“I have given you an opportunity, yet you chose not to treasure it.”

Jin Mu stared at Lin Dong. Moments later, the smile on his face gradually dimmed down. Following which, he slowly stood up, before he softly sighed. Then, his body gently trembled, before a formidable hurricane-like aura instantly gushed out from his body and enveloped the entire bazaar.

When they saw this sight, everyone near Lin Dong immediately retreated and opened up a large circle around him. Meanwhile, there were even more sympathetic stares cast towards Lin Dong. That fellow was merely trying to auction his items, yet he still got into trouble. He was truly unfortunate.

Mo Ling and the rest stuck closely behind Lin Dong while they stared vigilantly at Jin Mu and the rest. Even though they knew that they would eventually clash with Jin Mu, they never expected that they would clash with him barely half a day after entering Yang City...

“Kid, in your next life, remember this. There are some people you cannot afford to offend!”

Jin Mu gazed down on Lin Dong, before he viciously unleashed a fist attack. Instantly, waves of Yuan Power howled forth before they directly transformed into a sprinting leopard. Then, with a vicious aura that was powerful enough to slaughter any peak Manifestation practitioner, it dashed towards Lin Dong.

That hunting leopard formed from Yuan Power viciously dashed towards Lin Dong's body with a terrifying speed. Instantly, all the surrounding stone chairs blew up, before dust spread across the horizon.

When they saw this sight, several of them shook their heads. It seems like that fellow would not even have the chance to cry out.

“That fellow is still alive!”

However, just as some of them were rejoicing over his misfortune, suddenly a bewildered cry sounded out. Instantly, several people quickly turned to look, only to see that after the dust gradually settled, that fellow was still standing still. Based on his expression, it seems like that attack, which was powerful enough to kill a peak Manifestation practitioner, actually left no damage to Lin Dong!

This sight bewildered several people in the crowd.

When Hai Sha saw this situation, his pupils gently shrunk. He finally understood that though this fellow was only at advanced Manifestation stage, he was fairly skilled.

Under countless bewildered stares, a figure slowly walked out. Lin Dong's calm voice words filled with a chilling intent slowly spread out.

“Like I said before, based on your half-step-to Nirvana stage ability, you are not qualified to speak those words to me. Your Saint Light Empire is nothing to me. I have killed them and if you are unhappy with that, I shall kill you today as well.”

Chapter 423: Battling A Half-Step-To Nirvana Practitioner

A somewhat venomous voice spread out in this bazaar and caused several people's faces to turn slightly interesting. Jin Mu was considered as an elite individual in this Yang City and his half-step-to Nirvana stage was sufficient to qualify him as a top-tier practitioner. Therefore, nobody dared to act disrespectfully in front of him.

Even though Lin Dong had unexpectedly countered Jin Mu's attack, the latter had yet to unleash his real moves. Therefore, it was not a wise decision to speak so arrogantly to him.

Hai Sha, who was dressed in blue clothes, narrowed his eyes as he stared at Lin Dong, while a tinge of shock flashed across his eyes. He was clearly aware of Jin Mu's strength and even if it was him, he could at most achieve a tie. Therefore, in his opinion, since Lin Dong was merely at advanced Manifestation stage, he could not even handle a single attack from Jin Mu. However, he never expected that Jin Mu's attack hardly did any damage to Lin Dong.

“Interesting...”

Hai Sha smiled as he leaned on his stone chair. He was fairly interested in this scene. After news of the “Mysterious Ancient Key” emerged, there were more and more elite practitioners coming to Yang City. It seems like Lin Dong was one of them. However, if Lin Dong really believed that he could counter against a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner like Jin Mu, he would simply be too naive.

As a fellow half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, Hai Sha was keenly aware of the difference between half-step-to Nirvana and advanced Manifestation stage. Furthermore, Jin Mu stemmed from Saint Light Empire and he had a fairly decent background. Therefore, the martial arts that he cultivated in were fairly formidable and even most fellow half-step-to Nirvana practitioners would find it difficult to defeat him. Furthermore, Lin Dong was merely at advanced Manifestation stage...

The tanned muscular black man who previously bided as well, was also fairly intrigued as he stared at the showdown between the two of them. In his opinion, Lin Dong provocations against Jin Mu was nothing to shout about. After all, there were no complex rules here and if they did not meet eye to eye, the victor would have the final say. After all, strength reigns supreme. Of course, if Lin Dong failed, he would naturally have to pay a price for his arrogance...

The bazaar was typically one of the more crowded places in Yang City and most powerful empires were used to it. When they witnessed the standoff between them, most of them immediately turned to look. Evidently, they were curious as to how Lin Dong, who was merely at advanced Manifestation stage, actually had the guts to challenge Jin Mu.

Under countless stares from the crowd, the thick dust gradually settled. Following which, a figure slowly emerged from within. However, even after forcefully receiving Jin Mu's attack, Lin Dong's clothes were not rattled at all.

When he saw that figure slowly walking out from within the

dust, Jin Mu's pupils gently shrunk. Promptly, he chuckled: "You must be quite skilled since you can kill so many members from my Saint Light Empire. However, I must take your life today. Else, I would not be able to secure my foothold in Yang City!

"That will depend on whether you have the ability to do so..."

Lin Dong smiled, before he slowly clenched his fists. At the same time, there was a golden glow faintly flowing beneath his skin, while a powerful sensation, that cannot be described by words, stealthily emerged. In fact, Jin Mu's half-step-to Nirvana's aura did not threaten him at all.

"You will surely regret your actions. However, at that time, it would be too late."

Jin Mu's voice was calm before he slowly took a step forth. As he gripped his palm, a fiery-red steel rod subsequently emerged in his hand. There were several peculiar tattoos inscribed on this fiery rod. Faintly, a burning sensation emerged from within. Evidently, this steel rod was a fairly powerful Earthly Soul Treasure.

"Boom!"

When that fiery rod entered his hand, Jin Mu solemnly stomped on the ground, causing the solid rock panel below him to be instantly ruptured into dust. Following which, he violently dashed forth, while he waved the fiery rod in his hand and formed several powerful burning rod shadows, which swarmed Lin Dong from every direction.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Whose those rod shadows swept forth, even before they reached Lin Dong's body, their formless forcewind had actually blew the ground apart. While a savage wind blew, it made his attack seem pretty powerful.

Nonetheless, as he faced Jin Mu's vicious attack, Lin Dong also gripped his palm. Following which, his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear appeared in his hand, before he jerked his arm and formed several spear shadows.

Ding! Ding!

Fiery rod and spear collided, causing sparks to emerge before several vicious shock wind instantly swept forth. When he saw that Lin Dong actually dared to directly fight against him, a cold grin flashed across Jin Mu's eyes. Following which, he jerked his palm, before a red glow actually undulated on his fiery rod. That red glow looked just like flames and it directly intertwined the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear, before it swept towards Lin Dong.

“Chi! Chi!”

That red glow was fairly peculiar and the instant it touched the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear, it actually caused squeaking noises to erupt. It seems like that savage sensation was able to burn one's Yuan Power.

This sight took Lin Dong by surprise. It seems like that guy's fiery rod was fairly formidable and it was actually able to produce such a peculiar energy attack.

“Growl!”

However, while this corrosive energy may be effective against other Soul Treasures, it was useless against the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear. Following which, Lin Dong jerked his spear, before a seemingly ancient growl emerged from within his spear. Due to this growl, that fiery-red glow was instantly blown away. Then, without a drop in pace, that growl followed the spear before it transformed into a sonicboom and attacked Jin Mu.

“Pfft!”

When he saw that Lin Dong not only managed to counter his attack, but even managed to launch an attack as well, that Jin Mu coldly snorted. Then, waves of Yuan Power gushed out from his body, before that fiery-red glow on the fiery rod swept forth. Then, it quickly materialized into a fiery-red Demonic Beast.

This Demonic Beast looked blurry and it seemed like it had no distinct appearance. Upon taking a closer inspection, it looked a ball of pure flames. At the same time, an extremely heated and savage shockwave continuously emerged from within.

“Saint Flames Breaking Mountain Rod!”

A cold roar violently emerged from Jin Mu's lips. Immediately, the fiery rod in his hands ballooned, before it fused with that fiery-red Demonic Beast. Then, his expression turned cold as he angrily swung it towards Lin Dong.

“Dong!”

Jin Mu's attack caused several peak Manifestation practitioners' expression to change drastically as all of them knew that there were unable to counter Jin Mu's current attack. In fact, even Hai Sha and the rest's pupils gently shrunk.

As that fiery rod with a heated shock wave swept forth, Lin Dong knew that Jin Mu was using Manifestation martial arts. Its strength was indeed alarming.

“Saint Elephant Sky Collapsing Knock!”

Lin Dong's feet executed Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps, while he swiftly retreated. At the same time, he unreservedly pushed out every Yuan Power in his body before he quickly formed a giant glowing elephant in front of him. Following which, with footsteps that could shake mountains, he viciously countered against Jin Mu's rod attack!

“Boom!”

The instant they collided, extremely savage halo-shaped shock

winds swept forth just like waves. Then, it was just as if the surrounding ground had received a devastating attack, as it was completely torn apart.

Countless pairs of eyes stared at the point of impact while an energy shockwave spread forth. Then, two figures quickly retreated several steps. After they managed to stabilize themselves, they had both left deep marks on the ground.

“Bang!”

Lin Dong forcefully stabilized himself, before he gently shook his arm. Following which, a golden glow flowed on his skin, before he managed to quickly dissipate the powerful force attacking his body.

After this direct confrontation with Jin Mu, Lin Dong finally knew how powerful a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner was. If it were not for the fact that he had gained initial mastery of “Lesser Nirvana Golden Body”, this time around, that invasive force would have likely wounded him.

“You actually dare to learn my Saint Light Empire’s martial arts. Just from this fact alone, you must die!”

Compared to Lin Dong, Jin Mu retreated less steps. However, his expression turned exceedingly grim instead. Lin Dong was fairly more difficult to deal with than expected. For his previous attack, even a similar half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner would not dare to be negligent. However Lin Dong merely took a few steps

back and he did not suffer any injuries at all!

Moreover, what caused him to be the most enraged was that Lin Dong actually dared to use his Saint Light Empire's Manifestation martial arts to counter against him. To him, that was the ultimate disgrace!

“However, my Saint Light Empire's ultimate attack has actually been executed by you in such a pathetic fashion. It is truly embarrassing. Since you like this martial arts this much, I will let you truly experience it!”

Jin Mu took a step forward, before a low growl emerged from his throat. Following which, waves of Yuan Power swept forth before all the Yuan Power in this domain instantly materialized into a large and majestic glowing elephant in front of him. The savage shockwaves were several times more powerful compared to when Lin Dong and even Li Sheng used it!

Evidently, unlike Lin Dong, who only had an initial mastery, Jin Mu had completely mastered “Saint Elephant Sky Collapsing Knock!”

Weng!

That large glowing elephant howled to the sky, while the emerging powerful shockwave finally caused other half-step-to Nirvana practitioners like Hai Sha to turn increasingly solemn. For this attack, even if it were them, they must go all-out in order to counter against it.

“This kid, it should be over now...” Hai Sha glanced casually at Lin Dong. Even though he was surprised that Jin Mu was being pushed till such a sorry extent, he figured that it was time to end.

“What dog-shit ultimate attack, in my opinion, even in your hands, it is not worth mentioning!”

Lin Dong chuckled and he still displayed no signs of fear. Immediately after, his body gently trembled while formidable Yuan Power unceremoniously gushed out from his body. Following which, his hand seals changed, while he slowly pointed out his finger.

As he slowly pointed out his finger, all the Yuan Power in this domain instantly raged. Following which, Hai Sha and the rest’s expressions, who were anticipating a good show, suddenly changed drastically!

Chapter 424: Shock And Awe

Boom!

All the Yuan Power in the bazaar instantly raged. Meanwhile, waves of powerful Yuan Power shockwaves violently swept forth from within Lin Dong's body, just like a hurricane. The shockwaves that were able to rival a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner instantly caused countless people's expression to change.

“Such a formidable shockwave. What martial arts is that fellow actually using? It can actually cause such a commotion!”

“Such a commotion, even some mid level Manifestation martial arts cannot match up against it. Don't tell me that fellow actually possess high level Manifestation martial arts?”

“High level Manifestation martial arts? Even Jin Mu does not possess it. Where did that fellow come from, how could he actually possess such a powerful martial arts?”

“.....”

Countless whispers instantly erupted in the bazaar, while countless bewildered stares were cast at Lin Dong. Evidently, they never expected that the latter could cause such a commotion.

“Pfft, even if you possess powerful martial arts, you are still

unable to breach the gap between us. You do not have the qualifications to own such a powerful martial arts. You had better surrender it obediently and perhaps I may spare your life!”

Jin Mu was also shocked by this sight. Promptly, thick greed flowed into his eyes. With a chuckle, his figure flashed before it directly fused with that large glowing elephant. Instantly, savage shockwaves continuously swept forth.

Evidently, right now, Jin Mu had pushed his Yuan Power to his maximum. Though he was at half-step-to Nirvana, even as he faced such a powerful martial arts, he did not dare to be negligent.

Weng!

That large glowing elephant stood upright in mid-air, while an earth-shattering and terrifying aura swept forth. Meanwhile, due to that formidable pressure, the ground below directly cracked apart. Following which, the nearby spectators hastily retreated. All of them knew that the two of them were in an intense fight and if they were dragged in, they could only blame themselves.

“Saint Elephant Sky Collapsing Knock!”

Jin Mu’s body had fused perfectly with that large glowing elephant. Right now, his aura had been pushed till its maximum. Promptly, with a deep growl, countless resplendent light beams erupted from above that large glowing elephant. Then, with footsteps that could shake the heavens, it charged towards Lin Dong.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Wherever that large glowing elephant passed by, the ground below cracked apart while the surrounding air were all directly blown apart. Meanwhile, resplendent glows with an destructive aura, that could not be described with words, enveloped Lin Dong.

Amidst that resplendent glow that filled the horizon, Lin Dong still stood quietly at his original spot. Meanwhile, all the Yuan Power in this body began to rage. Following which, his finger finally erupted slowly just like a volcano.

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, Fifth Finger Moving The Universe!”

While all the Yuan Power in this domain raged, a cold and domineering shout echoed out. Following which, a golden glow faintly undulated on Lin Dong’s kin. As that golden glow flowed, all the savage and rumbling Yuan Power in his body were actually forcefully suppressed.

That finger filled with a golden glow suddenly jutted out. This time around, Lin Dong’s fingertips did not crack like before. Evidently, after he gained initial mastery of “Lesser Nirvana Golden Body”, his physical body was able to withstand the savage impact caused by his martial art.

“Dong!”

The heavens seemed to tremble the instant Lin Dong pointed out his finger. Following which, the air above Lin Dong's head was suddenly torn apart, before a large finger, that seemed to have came from an ancient land, instantly ripped through the air and emerged!

There was only half a finger and it was not a complete finger. Nonetheless, all the Yuan Power in this domain instantly erupted, before a series of alarming airwaves swept forth.

“Break!”

Lin Dong's expression was cold while a golden glow flowed in his eyes. That finger, that seemed to have came from the past, also violently stormed forth. With a terrifying speed, it directly appeared in front of that large glowing elephant.

Under the bewildered stares from the crowd, two massive object, just like meteors, tore through the sky, before they viciously clashed together in an awe-inspiring manner.

“Boom!”

The instant they clashed together, the entire earth began to shake just like an earthquake had occurred. A deafening and alarming roar echoed out, while terrifying energy shockwaves swept forth and caused the crowds, who have already distanced themselves, to quickly retreat once again. In fact, even Hai Sha and the rest, who were at half-step-to Nirvana stage, turned solemn at

this sight. Immediately, their figures flashed, before they leapt into mid-air.

Boom! Boom!

Waves of savage Yuan Power shockwaves continuously swept forth, while a resplendent glow filled the point of impact.

“You Saint Light Empire’s killing move is merely so! You shall break!”

Lin Dong stood upright in mid-air, while his skin was golden bright and he seemed extremely resplendent. As he calmly stared at the point of impact, he coldly snorted before he once again jutted out his finger.

As he jutted out his finger, a extremely terrifying shockwave instantly emerged from his large finger. The might and terror of a high level Manifestation martial arts was now in full display.

“Ka Chak!”

As shockwaves gushed out from that large finger, cracks actually began to emerge on that large glowing elephant. When they saw this sight, everyone sucked in a breath of cold air.

“You must be dreaming if you think that you can defeat me!” At the same time, Jin Mu’s enraged shout echoed out from within that large elephant. Following which, a deep growl sounded out,

before all the Yuan Power gushed out from within that large glowing elephant and managed to directly intercept that half-finger, that came from an ancient time.

Lin Dong's expression was cold, before his body suddenly transformed into a wisp of green smoke. As his figure flashed, he immediately appeared next to that ancient large finger. Following which, the golden glow undulated on his body flowed; this was the first time that Lin Dong had fully activated his Lesser Nirvana Golden Body. Therefore, right now, his arm actually looked like it was forged from real gold!

“Dong!”

Every ounce of strength in Lin Dong's body was now concentrated on his right arm. Then, a ferocious look flashed across his face, before he waved his arm and delivered a solid punch on that large ancient finger.

This punch was formed using every ounce of strength from Lin Dong's body. Thanks to this punch, even that large ancient finger shook violently. Following which, its momentum surged, before it viciously slammed against that large glowing elephant.

“Boom!”

This time around, that large glowing elephant was no longer able to defend against it. As he faced Lin Dong's all-out punch as well as the might of that large ancient finger, a series of large cracks instantly erupted on that large glowing elephant. Finally, under

countless bewildered stares from the crowd, it subsequently exploded!

A hurricane shockwave, that cannot be described by words, swept forth within the bazaar before a hundred meter deep ditch directly appeared in the arena. Following which, amid that exploding large glowing elephant, a figure shot out from within. Then, he directly left a several hundred meter mark on the ground before he finally stabilized himself hideously.

“Buzz Chh!”

Countless pairs of eyes instantly turned to look. When they saw Jin Mu land on the ground and directly vomit a mouthful of freshblood, several of them instantly sucked in a soft breath. None of them had expected that Jin Mu would actually be wounded by Lin Dong!

The entire bazaar seemed to have turned silent immediately. In fact, even Hai Sha and the rest, who were high up in mid-air, began to turn increasingly solemn. The fact that Lin Dong could injure Jin Mu, indicated that he had the ability to injure them, who were also at half-step-to Nirvana stage. Evidently, this time around, they had misjudged the situation.

At the same time, Hai Sha gently heaved a sigh of relief. If Jin Mu had not made a move first, then he would have likely been the one injured. In fact, against Lin Dong’s previous exceptionally powerful attack, even he did not have the confidence that he could withstand it.

“That fellow is actually a bastard acting like a pig to devour a tiger!” A cold glint flashed across Hai Sha’s eyes. It seems like there was going to be another formidable rival in the battle for the mysterious ancient key.

“Good kid, it’s no wonder you dare to challenge Jin Mu. It turns out you are actually this powerful. Based on the golden glow undulated on your body, it is evidently an extremely powerful physical enhancing martial arts. In fact, it may even be more powerful than my Steel Empire’s Heavenly Steel Body. I wonder how that fellow managed to obtain such a powerful martial arts!” That tanned muscular man from Steel Empire stared in awe at this scene, while he muttered to himself.

Amidst the awe-inspired and fearful stares from the crowd, Lin Dong still quietly stood in mid-air, while the aura and blood in his body began to rage violently. Thankfully, “Lesser Nirvana Golden Body” is extremely powerful and it was able to gradually suppress the boiling aura and blood in his body. Else, he would have definitely suffered a huge backlash after executing that powerful attack.

As he stood in mid-air, Lin Dong stared coldly at that hideous-looking Jin Mu, who was desperately trying to stabilize his body. As he turned to look at the increasingly respectful stares around him, he knew that after this fight, he would have a say in this Yang City.

A person that was able to injure a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner; there were no factions that dared to underestimate

him!

That was the respect and awe that one gained from one's strength and ability!

Furthermore, this was precisely what Lin Dong needed now!

Chapter 425: Utter Disgrace

The bazaar was in tatters as the crowd stared in bewilderment at the scene ahead of them. For a moment, none of them could believe their eyes.

Jin Mu had a fairly renowned reputation in Yang City, and even though he was not the best, he was considered as an elite practitioner. However, right now, he had actually lost to Lin Dong, who was merely at advanced Manifestation stage. For many of them, this was simply too hard to believe.

However, regardless of how impossible it may seem, the facts laid bare in front of them and they had no other choice!

Mo Ling and the rest were delighted when they saw this sight. As they lifted their heads to look at that man hovering in mid-air, admiration and respect involuntarily flowed into their hearts. Though their reputation in Great Yan Empire would not lose to Lin Dong, right now, they had no choice but to admit that there was quite a gap between them and Lin Dong.

The raging Yuan Power in this domain began to gradually calm down. However, it did not diminish the killing intent in Lin Dong's eyes. As he hovered in mid-air, with a trace of blood on his lips, he stared at a visibly shaken Jin Mu while his expression grew increasingly colder. Regardless, Jin Mu was indeed a genuine half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner. Based on Lin Dong's current strength, after he executed the fifth finger of Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, even Li Sheng and countless other advanced Manifestation stage practitioners were all directly

butchered by him. However, that Jin Mu was able to forcefully counter against it. Furthermore, even though he was wounded, it was not a lethal one.

Nonetheless, based on Lin Dong's character, as long as that person was his enemy, he would show no mercy at all. Now that he had fallen out with Jin Mu, there was no need for words. He must kill him first in order to prevent any problems from occurring in the future!

While he is wounded, Lin Dong must kill him!

As this thought flashed across his mind, Lin Dong's expression suddenly turned icy-cold. Following which, he gripped his palm before his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear once again appeared in his hand. As his feet executed Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps, he actually dashed forth again. With his powerful spear stretched out in front of him, he directly charged at a still shaken Jin Mu.

Buzz! Buzz!

Spear shadows emerged, while a peculiar growing noise faintly sounded out from within the bone spear. In fact, those spear shadows were lethal enough to easily penetrate a peak Manifestation practitioner's defences.

“Kid, you dare!”

Jin Mu was also driven mad by Lin Dong's vicious attack.

Immediately, he could no longer bother to suppress the raging aura in his body, before he waved his fiery-red steel rod in his hands. Just like a ring of fire, a burning and savage shockwind quickly swept forth.

“Since you want to kill me, what wouldn’t I dare to do? Your Saint Light Empire member use your numbers to bully others and you guys even tried to bully me. Unfortunately, you have chosen the wrong target!”

Lin Dong’s expression was vicious and he did not intent to show any mercy. As he jerked his arm, formidable speak shadows viciously slammed against flame-like shield. Instantly, sparks erupted, before a terrifying energy shockwave instantly swept forth.

Plod! Plod!

After that vicious fight, Jin Mu was actually forced to retreat several steps. Previously, after he forcefully countered Lin Dong’s finger, all the blood and aura in his body were raging and he was no longer in peak form. Therefore, when he fought against Lin Dong now, he was no longer as relaxed as before and he was in fact at the losing end.

In the bazaar, when the crowd saw Jin Mu retreating, their eyelids involuntarily twitched. It was simply too hard for them to imagine how an advanced Manifestation practitioner like Lin Dong could force Jin Mu, who was a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner, till such a sorry extent.

“Jin Mu, you are at half-step-to Nirvana. Is that all you are capable of?!”

As Lin Dong continued to fight, he turned increasingly fierce while a golden glow flowed under his skin. Right now, he had completely activated his Lesser Nirvana Golden Body. After activating it, he finally realized just how powerful this physical-enhancing martial arts was.

This Lesser Nirvana Golden Body managed to increase the strength of his physical body by a terrifying extent and it provided a tremendous boost to his defences. The boost that he gained far exceeds that of Great Sun Thunder Body. Mid-grade physical enhancing martial arts indeed lives up to its name!

Lin Dong's provocations caused Jin Mu's face to turn purple, while the raging blood and aura in his body became even more turbulent. In fact, while he was dodging Lin Dong's attacks, his body even began to slow down.

“Oh no!” However, the instant he lagged, Jin Mu's expression suddenly changed before he quickly retreated.

“You plan to flee?”

However, just as Jin Mu was about to retreat, a figure was just like a leech as he quickly followed him. Above those vicious spear shadows, a peculiar golden glow suddenly appeared. Then, that spear jerked before it directly tore through the air before it flew via

a peculiar trajectory and forcefully penetrated the defences set up by the fiery-red steel rod in Jin Mu's hand.

“Die!”

After it penetrated his defences, a cold glint flashed across Lin Dong's eyes. Promptly, he slammed his palm solidly against his spear, before his bone spear instantly shot forth. Then, a formidable cold glint lightning-quick struck Jin Mu's chest.

“Ding!”

Against such a powerful attack, if one was directly hit by it, one would likely die. However, just as that bone spear struck Jin Mu's chest, blood did not spurt out as expected. Instead, a crisp metallic sound echoed out, before a rich fiery-glow erupted from beneath Jin Mu's clothes and actually forcefully deflected Lin Dong's fatal attack.

“You must be dreaming if you think that you can kill me. With my Flame Soul Vest protecting me, even a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner cannot kill me. Who do you think you are!” Jin Mu lifted his head and stared grimly at Lin Dong, while he said.

“Snort!”

Lin Dong's expression was cold as he suddenly jerked his arm. Immediately, a terrifying force gushed out just like tidal waves, before it directly blew Jin Mu away. As his body flew forth, it

directly ripped through two towers.

“Buzz! Chhh!”

Even though Jin Mu had the protection of his so-called Flame Soul Vest, it was unable to completely counter against Lin Dong’s attack. Therefore, the invading force to his body caused him to once again spit out a mouthful of freshblood. Furthermore, he was already wounded and this further exacerbated his injuries. Hence, if this continues on, he would probably be killed by Lin Dong today.

“Let’s see how long you can last!” Lin Dong knew this fact as well. Immediately, a killing glint flowed in his eyes. Without giving Jin Mu any time to recover, his figure flashed before he once again dashed forth.

When the crowd saw this sight, all of their expressions changed. It seems like Lin Dong did not plan on merely defeating Jin Mu and he was to going to kill him as well!

“Protect our Big Senior!”

Right now, all the elite Saint Light Empire’s members faces changed drastically and there were no longer able to tolerate anymore. All of them dashed forth and tried to protect Jin Mu. After all, all of them knew that Jin Mu was the heart of their Saint Light Empire and if Jin Mu died, they would lose the qualifications to compete with the other empires!

“It is not your place to interfere!” When they saw the other elite Saint Light Empire member interfering, Mo Ling and the rest’s expressions turned cold. Following which, their figures flashed before they formed into a powerful formation. As streams of viscous Yuan Power howled forth, they were actually able to completely intercept all the elite Saint Light Empire practitioners.

Now that Mo Ling and the rest had reached peak Manifestation stage, coupled with the formation imparted to them by Lin Dong, they could even fight against a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner. Furthermore, disregarding half-step-to Nirvana practitioners, there were hardly any peak Manifestation practitioners left in Saint Light Empire!

Lin Dong completely ignored those elite Saint Light Empire practitioners. In his eyes, as long as they were not at half-step-to Nirvana stage, he had no reason to fear at all. Therefore, his icy-cold eyes stared right at Jin Mu, while he slowly tightened the grip on his bone spear. At the same time, his killing intent stealthily rose.

“Hai Sha, we can be considered as allies. If my Saint Light Empire is wounded, it would also affect your chances during the fight for the mysterious ancient key!” Jin Mu’s expression was cold, before he suddenly turned his head and barked at mid-air.

In mid-air, Hai Sha gently furrowed his brows. After contemplating for a moment, he turned to look at Lin Dong before he said: “This young friend, even if you have a grudge with Jin Mu, I believe that it is time to stop now. It is best not to burn one’s bridges and it would be beneficial for you in the future. There are

several Saint Light Empire's allies in Yang City, and if you cross the line and force the other great empires to attack you together, even if you have magical abilities, it would be difficult for you to escape. Since you have just came here, I would suggest you to do so."

Hai Sha's words were not too sharp and there was a carrot and a stick contained within. Right now, he no longer dared to underestimate Lin Dong, after he witnessed a fellow half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner Jin Mu, be forced till such a sorry extent. Evidently, Lin Dong had the qualifications to sit on par with them and it would be foolish for him to put on any airs.

When he heard Hai Sha's words, Lin Dong's eyes narrowed. Promptly, he turned to look at a hideous Jin Mu, before his raging killing intent dimmed. He also understood that even though he was able to humiliate Jin Mu, it was quite difficult for him to kill him. Furthermore, like what Hai Sha said, Saint Light Empire has several allies in Yang City and if they attacked him together, it would be quite troubling for him.

"Since someone has intervened on your behalf, I shall spare your life. If you continue to bully others in the future, I will definitely kill you!" Lin Dong turned around as he casually said.

When he heard his words, Jin Mu's face instantly turned steely green while his body trembled gently. However, he did not dare to speak back and only a poisonous and venomous glint glimmered in his eyes. The fight today had undoubtedly cemented Lin Dong's reputation while he had suffered a utter and total humiliation!

This was no small grudge!

Lin Dong casually glanced at Jin Mu and he also managed to detect the poisonous look in his eyes. Instantly, he secretly chuckled in his heart. After he accumulated enough Nirvana Pills and cleanse his Blood Soul Puppet, he would no longer have any reason to fear him. At that time, he would look for an opportunity to kill that fellow...

Chapter 426: Finally Enough

The killing intent that permeated the bazaar finally diminished stealthily. After the crowd stared at a hideous and battered Jin Mu, all of them involuntarily turned to look at Lin Dong. All of them knew that after this fight, Lin Dong's name will spread across the entire Yang City. After all, in this city, only a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner had the rights to speak. Therefore, since Lin Dong was able to force Jin Mu, who was a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner, till such a sorry extent, he obviously possessed the same qualifications as well.

Jin Mu's expression was extremely cold and insidious. In fact, one could faintly discern a twisted expression on his face as he stared venomously at Lin Dong. Even though his heart was filled with a overwhelming killing intent, he clearly knew that though Lin Dong's cultivation level was weaker than his, his battle ability was extremely formidable. Therefore, even for someone like him, it would be very difficult to defeat Lin Dong.

“Let's see how long you can be arrogant for. Sooner or later, I will make you suffer till you beg for your own death. You will definitely regret the day you offended my Saint Light Empire!” Jin Mu gritted his teeth as he venomously cursed in his heart in order to relieve the hatred and anger in his heart.

Lin Dong chose to ignore a grim-looking Jin Mu, as his eyes calmly glanced at Hai Sha, who was hovering in mid-air, with a soft and eerie smile on his face. That fellow was obviously close with Jin Mu. Based on Lin Dong's current strength, he naturally did not fear one half-step-to Nirvana practitioner. However, if he was forced to fight against two of them, it would be a little

troublesome for him. Of course, if it were a real life-and-death scenario, he would directly summon his Blood Soul Puppet and slaughter both of them...

Nonetheless, unless it was truly a critical junction, Lin Dong did not want to resort to this move. Blood Soul Puppet was his hidden ace and it was best for him not to reveal it so quickly. Therefore, after Hai Sha spoke previously, he decided to stop...

After the great battle ended, the atmosphere in the bazaar turned slightly strange. Since the two main actors had not left, no one dared to leave as well.

“This friend, do you want my Great Sun Thunder Body for ten thousand Nirvana Pills?” Lin Dong’s eyes suddenly turned towards that tanned muscular man from Steel Empire, before he took out his glowing tube and asked.

“Oh?” When he saw Lin Dong’s actions, that tanned muscular man was slightly taken aback. Promptly, he revealed his pearly white teeth as he laughed heartily and said: “Alright, since you have given me such a generous offer, how can I turn it down?”

If he had auctioned his Great Sun Thunder Body, he could obtain at least thirteen thousand Nirvana Pills. Now that he had offered it for ten thousand pills, it was a fairly reasonable price.

Furthermore, after Lin Dong displayed his strength, that tanned muscular man was fairly appreciative of Lin Dong’s talents. After all, in this area, strength reigns supreme. In fact, Hai Sha would

likely no longer dare to speak to Lin Dong in such a disrespectful manner as he had done so previously. Moreover, an additional friend would lead to more opportunities and both Lin Dong and that tanned muscular man had the same idea in mind. Therefore, since Lin Dong had graciously offered an opportunity to form a relationship, there was no reason to reject his offer.

When he saw Lin Dong's action, Hai Sha's expression turned slightly grim. After all, though he was quite keen on that Great Sun Thunder Body, Lin Dong had chose to ignore him and directly offer it at a discounted price to someone else. This was akin to a slap on his face.

However, though he felt displeased, he did not threaten Lin Dong like he had done before. That was because he was keenly aware that based on Lin Dong's strength, he had no reason to fear him at all.

"Here, this young friend. This is ten thousand Nirvana Pills. My name is Mo Tei from Steel Empire!" That tanned muscular man's figure flashed before he directly appeared next to Lin Dong. Following which, he directly handed over a Qiankun bag before he spoke with a smile.

"Lin Dong." Lin Dong gently smiled as he took that Qiankun bag. At the same time, he handed his glowing tube over. However, he did not mention which empire he was from. That was because, it was completely meaningless. In this ancient battlefield, it does not matter which empire you came from. Without strength, one was useless and one's background would not help at all.

When he took that Qiankun bag, Lin Dong casually glanced at the round and fiery Nirvana Pills in that bag, before his heart gradually turned heated as well. It seems like in addition to the previous Nirvana Pills that he had obtained, he was close to accumulating thirty thousand Nirvana Pills...

“That’s right, I have an Earthly Soul Treasure in my possession as well. I wonder if Brother Mo Tei is interested?” Since he found a customer, Lin Dong could not be bothered to continue with the auction. After all, the most pressing matter was to accumulate thirty thousand Nirvana Pills and refine his Blood Soul Puppet.

As he spoke, Lin Dong flipped his palm, before the Saint Light Drum that he snatched from Li Sheng, appeared in his palm. Immediately, a powerful energy shockwave emerged.

“Saint Light Drum, three thousand Nirvana Pills.”

“An Earthly Soul Treasure?” When he saw this situation, Mo Tei did not feel shocked. Based on their current status, who did not have Earthly Soul Treasures? However, none of them would mind having more treasures. At most, they could give it away to their pals or it would provide a small boost to their strength. Therefore, when he heard Lin Dong’s offer, he immediately waved his hand and unceremoniously kept that Soul Treasure in his bag.

When he saw how forthright Mo Tei was, Lin Dong involuntarily smiled. He truly envied these rich princelings who did not even flinch at all when they spent a few thousand Nirvana Pills.

Nearby, when Jin Mu saw this sight, his originally steel-green face darkened. He naturally knew that the Saint Light Drum was Li Sheng's Soul Treasure...

“Haha, truth be told, I am most interested in the physical-enhancing martial arts that brother Lin Dong has cultivated. If brother Lin Dong is willing to sell it, even if I have to pawn all my possessions, I will buy it.” Mo Tei stared at Lin Dong. His eyes were extremely sharp and it was as if he could see the golden glow flowing beneath Lin Dong's skin. He also understood that the reason why Lin Dong was able to withstand the corrosive force from Jin Mu, was largely because of his powerful physical-enhancing martial arts.

When he heard his words, Lin Dong gently raised his brows. It seems like Mo Tei's eyes were extremely sharp. Perhaps the reason why he could actually detect how powerful his “Lesser Nirvana Golden Body” was because he had cultivated in physical-enhancing martial arts as well.

“Haha, that martial arts is still incomplete. If I finish it in the future, I will consider selling it to brother Mo Tei.”

Lin Dong obviously had no intention of selling his “Lesser Nirvana Golden Body”. After all, he had personally experienced the might of his physical-enhancing martial arts. If he sold it to someone else, it might become a major threat to him in future. Even though he had a relationship with Mo Tei, it was not a deep one.

With regards to Lin Dong's answer, Mo Tei was not surprised by

it. He had only mentioned it casually. After all, even their Steel Empire did not possess such a powerful physical-enhancing martial arts. Therefore, how could Lin Dong be willing to put it up for sale.

“Brother Lin Dong, it is fate that brought us together. How about we look for a place to converse?” Mo Tei changed the topic as he asked with a smile.

“Alright.” Lin Dong did not reject his offer. Mo Tei was evidently trying to build a relationship with him and he did not want the entire city to be filled with his enemies. Right now, since he had offended Jin Mu and Hai Sha, it would be quite beneficial if he could secure a few allies.

When he saw Lin Dong respecting his offer, Mo Tei was obviously delighted. Immediately, he took charge and led the way. Under the stares of the crowd, a group of men left the bazaar.

“That bastard!”

When he saw Lin Dong’s departing figure, Jin Mu was finally unable to suppress the rage in his heart as he immediately smacked a stone chair nearby into dust.

“Jin Mu, that kid is no easy mark. It seems like we will have another formidable foe in the fight for the mysterious ancient key.” Hai Sha gradually descended from mid-air as he casually said.

“What’s there to be afraid of? The reason why that kid can match up against me is because of his martial arts. That martial arts must take a heavy toll on him and it is difficult for him to keep executing it. In the future, if we have the opportunity, let’s attack him together and quickly slaughter him before he even gets the chance to use his martial arts!” Jin Mu venomously said.

“Mo Tei actually wants to form an ally with that kid. In the future, if we have the opportunity, we should attack his Steel Empire and snatch all their Nirvana Pills. It would be a pretty good haul.” Hai Sha chuckled as he said.

“Don’t worry, I have allied ourselves with several powerful empires. At that time, none of them shall escape!” Jin Mu slowly gripped his fists, while a venomous and poisonous glint glimmered in his eyes.

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“Haha, I have hated that Jin Mu for a long while. It is really heartening to watch brother Lin Dong thrash him today.” On a spire in Yang City, Mo Tei and the rest split up and sat in different tables. Meanwhile, hearty laughs emerged from the tables.

Lin Dong smiled and he chose not to elaborate.

“The reason why brother Lin Dong came to Yang City is because of the mysterious ancient key?” When Mo Tei saw that Lin Dong was not interested in this topic, his tone changed as he asked.

“Is there anyone in Yang City who is not interested in the mysterious ancient key?” Lin Dong gently smiled as he said.

“That’s right. However, there are countless powerful practitioners in Yang City. Just mid-grade empires alone, there are already several of them here. Meanwhile, for low-grade empires, there are hundreds and thousands of them.” Mo Tei sighed as he said.

Lin Dong gently nodded his head. The empires in East Xuan region were divided into categories as well. For example, Saint Light Empire and Steel Empire are considered as mid-grade empires, while their Great Yan Dynasty was at most a low-grade empire.

Typically speaking, most mid-grade empires have a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner. Therefore, it seems like there would be plenty of half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners in Yang City. Even though Lin Dong was able to match up against a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, he was unable to gain much edge over them.

“Brother Mo Tei, could you tell me where the mysterious ancient key will appear?” Lin Dong’s eyes turned as he asked.

“It is no big secret in Yang City.” With regards to Lin Dong, Mo Tei had planned on building on a good relationship with him. Therefore, he chose not to conceal this matter as he directly told him: “The place where the mysterious ancient key is located at is the Thunder Granite Mountain Range near Yang City. However, there are countless demonic beasts in that mountain range and

some of them are able to match up to a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner. In fact, in the deepest regions, there are even Nirvana stage demonic beasts.”

“Nirvana stage demonic beasts?”

Lin Dong’s heart shuddered. It seems like it would be no easy feat to obtain the mysterious ancient key. Besides competing with so many other empires, they had to worry about powerful demonic beasts as well.

“Deep inside the Thunder Granite Mountain Range, there is a Thunder Mountain Valley. It is reputed that this Thunder Mountain Valley is a place where an ancient elite practitioner trained at and that ancient elite practitioner is one of the guardians protecting the mysterious ancient key. Therefore, the mysterious ancient key should be hidden in that Thunder Granite Valley.”

“Hehe, not long ago, a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, who is extremely adept at concealing himself, sneaked into the Thunder Granite Valley. It is reputed that there are numerous precious treasures, martial arts, elixirs, Soul Treasures and even the legendary Heavenly Symbol Deity Tree. As long as one is able to refine it, it will allow those high-grade Symbol Masters to make another breakthrough and advance to Heaven Symbol Masters. At that time, they would become powerful enough to match up to a Nirvana stage practitioner...”

“Heavenly Symbol Deity Tree?!”

When these four words entered into his ears, Lin Dong's mind instantly buzzed. Promptly, awe and delight surged into his eyes.

Chapter 427: Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree

The Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree was a type of unique spiritual being. For Symbol Masters that cultivated Mental Energy, it was undoubtedly a god-like existence. It was said that if a high rank Soul Symbol Master was able to refine it, he would very likely be able to cross that crucial step and reach the realm of the Heaven Symbol Master.

A Heaven Symbol Master was equivalent to a Nirvana stage practitioner!

Moreover, the Heaven Symbol Master and Soul Symbol Master were two entirely different levels. If one would say that a Soul Symbol Master was stuck at the superficial usage of Mental Energy, a Heaven Symbol Master would be known as one that had truly reached the next level.

It was said that some powerful Heaven Symbol Masters were able to condense Mental Energy into miraculous Symbols, and move the power of the land with a single gesture. They possessed great power and even a Nirvana stage practitioner would find a Heaven Symbol Master a rather troublesome opponent.

Because, after becoming a Heaven Symbol Master, one's Mental Energy would strengthen as if it had undergone a metamorphosis, and its power cannot be compared to before. Hence, when Lin Dong heard that there was actually legendary object like the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree in the Thunder Granite Valley, even with his composure, he could not help but feel a little hard to breathe.

If he was able to obtain this Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree, he would have a great chance to attack the Heaven Symbol Master level. As long as he reached this realm, even if he encountered a true Nirvana stage practitioner in future, he would have the power to contend even without using the Blood Soul Puppet!

From his current point of view, just the lure of this Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree alone was enough to entice him to brave countless difficulties and dangers to enter the Thunder Granite Valley.

“Hehe, there are already many Soul Symbol Masters who have been drawn over, their target is the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree. Moreover, although it is said that this object is not much of an attraction for us, if we are able to obtain it and sell it to those Soul Symbol Masters, it would likely be worth a hundred thousand Nirvana pills.” Upon seeing the fire in Lin Dong’s eyes, Mo Tei did not find this unexpected. After all, this Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree was too valuable and it was difficult to find someone who would not be tempted.

To one side, when the Mo Ling trio heard this number, their expressions changed somewhat. One hundred thousand Nirvana pills. Even if they overturned the royal family’s treasury, they would barely be able to gather such a sum. To think that this Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree was actually so valuable...

Lin Dong nodded his head. He knew that this price was still underrated. As long as one was able to reach the realm of the Heaven Symbol Master, one would be able to contend against

Nirvana stage practitioners. One must know that for these practitioners to advance to the Nirvana stage, the price they needed to pay was not as simple as a hundred thousand Nirvana pills. Thus, the fact that one could purchase this Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree for one hundred thousand Nirvana pills should already make one burn incense and thank one's ancestors for such a windfall...

“Though there are numerous treasures within the Thunder Granite Valley, it is a dangerous place. Not only are there various powerful Demonic Beasts guarding the place, there are also different types of seals. If one by some ill luck charges into the seal, one would be unable to leave. Although the half-step-to Nirvana practitioner from that time successfully entered, he was poisoned while returning and lost his life not long after...” Mo Tie sighed and said.

Lin Dong did not find this unexpected. The ancient battlefield was not a kind place. There were admittedly many treasure troves within, but if one did not have the capability, one might as well obediently find a spot and refine Nirvana pills. To come looking for treasure troves in these places would be akin to looking for death.

“There are currently so many powerful practitioners in Yang City, there should not be a problem dealing with the numerous Demonic Beasts in the Thunder Granite mountain range right?” Mo Ling chuckled and asked.

“They are able to deal with the Demonic Beasts, however... heh, they will become even more terrifying than Demonic Beasts in

front of treasures.” Mo Tie strangely laughed in reply.

Mo Ling was a little taken aback. Soon after he slowly nodded his head. Indeed, though Demonic Beasts were ferocious, humans were even more strange and cunning. There is no knowing what is in a man’s heart and no one can know what another is thinking. Perhaps, they might be allies in this moment, but in the next, the other party would have already thrust a dagger into your heart.

“Brother Mo Tie, I wonder if there is a high rank empire in Yang City?” Lin Dong smiled a little and suddenly inquired.

Given his current cards, his greatest fear would naturally be Nirvana stage practitioners. Such characters should not appear in ordinary middle rank empires. Since this was so, there were only those more powerful high rank empires. There were definitely true-blue Nirvana stage practitioners within this kind of empire.

“No high rank empires have arrived at Yang City, however... this does not mean that no high rank empires will appear in the fight for the Ancient Secret Key. According to what I know, news of this has already spread. The ancient secret treasure trove is not ordinary treasure trove, even those high rank empires would drool a little over it. No one can say for sure that there are no high rank empire already secretly hiding in the mountain range, waiting for the final moment to act...” Mo Tie shook his head as he answered.

Lin Dong slowly nodded his head. Looks like this struggle for the Ancient Secret Key was indeed extremely intense. It will be rather difficult to successfully obtain it.

In the following time, Lin Dong once again probed for some information, while Mo Tie was not stingy with what he knew so as to build their relationship.

After both parties freely talked for a long while, Lin Dong finally got up and bid his farewells.

“Hehe, brother Lin Dong, the people from Yang City will gather and enter Thunder Granite Valley in five days. At that time, we can travel together so we can take care of each other along the way.” When he saw Lin Dong stand up, Mo Tie chuckled and said.

“Sure, sounds good. Goodbye.”

Lin Dong grinned as he nodded his head and clasped his hands together towards Mo Tie before turning around, bringing the Mo Ling trio with him as they left.

As he watched their leaving figures, Mo Tie’s eyes slightly narrowed while his gaze flickered. No one knew what he was thinking.

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Swish.

Lin Dong and gang travelled through the city, rushing towards

their resting area. Mo Ling followed behind Lin Dong, casting a glance to their backs before suddenly asking, “You plan on working together with that fellow?”

“Can’t really be considered as working together, more like having mutual needs. Of course, I am not so foolish as to trust him. As he said, you can trust no one but your own people in front of that kind of treasure. Him wanting to rope us in can only be to gather a few more bargaining chips and battle power. When it truly comes to collecting the treasure, no one will know if he will fall out with us.” Lin Dong faintly smiled.

Upon hearing this, Mo Ling sighed in relief. He was worried that Lin Dong would end up a gun in that fellow’s hands, but from the looks of it, Lin Dong seemed to understand the situation more clearly than himself.

Lin Dong chuckled as he looked outside the city. The never ending mountain range rose up and down like a great beast, while emitting a heart palpitating aura. From the information he had obtained from Mo Tie, Lin Dong clearly understood exactly how difficult it was to successfully win the Ancient Secret Key. With his current strength, it was already rather taxing to handle some of the powerful middle rank empires, and no one could say for certain whether the even more powerful high rank empire would appear in this battle...

“Fortunately, the Nirvana pills have already been gathered. Within these five days, I need to purify the Blood Soul Puppet. Only then will I truly possess another trump card!”

Lin Dong's fight slowly clenched tightly. The yet to be purified Blood Soul Puppet was akin to a bomb. If he encountered Nirvana stage practitioners, he would need to split some attention to suppress the Blood Soul Puppet's baleful aura so as to prevent losing control. Thus, this was obviously not a favorable situation for himself. Only by thoroughly purifying the Blood Soul Puppet's baleful aura would this thing become the greatest force in his hands, while also giving him the power to deal with those Nirvana stage practitioners!

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The night gradually enveloped the land. However, the enormous city did not turn quiet due to this, but instead became increasingly noisy. Light from the fire soared in the skies, illuminating the area in a hundred mile radius.

In the face of such a city, even the Demonic Beasts did not dare to come as they wish. Although they were ferocious, they still after all possessed some intelligence, and hence would not easily take such risks.

Lin Dong and his party's lodging was in a district that was considered as rather remote in the city. This was what Lin Dong needed. There would likely be quite a disturbance if he purified the Blood Soul Puppet. If it happened to be picked up by other practitioners, it would draw a huge amount of trouble.

A Blood Soul Puppet that was able to contend against a Nirvana stage practitioner. Its value would likely turn even those high rank empires red eyed, let alone these middle rank empires in Yang

City. At that time, they would likely go crazy and charge at Lin Dong one by one, causing him to feel reluctant to kill.

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In the tightly shut stone room, a gentle light spread outwards, forming an inverted image that flickered on the ground.

Lin Dong silently sat on the stone bed, his eyes closed as he adjusted his condition. He intended to purify the Blood Soul Puppet tonight. This unstable bomb could be considered a thorn in his heart, and he would be unable to rest easy until he dealt with it. Now that he had painstakingly managed to gather the needed Nirvana pills, he would first solve this problem at all costs.

At this moment, Little Marten swept out from Lin Dong's body. Its claws danced as circles of purplish black light gushed out, completely wrapping the stone room.

"I've sealed the room, any disturbance here will not spread outside, this way, you can relax and purify the Blood Soul Puppet." Little Marten waved its claws and said.

"Alright, summon the Blood Soul Puppet. Heh, I'm waiting to see how fierce that thing can be today!"

"Okay." Lin Dong wore a serious expression as he nodded his head. Soon after, he deeply inhaled as a gentle pillar of light shot out from the stone talisman in the center of his palm. A blood light

burst out from within the light pillar and transformed into a blood red figure that appeared in the stone room.

“Boom!”

As the blood red figure appeared, a shockingly baleful aura instantly spread outwards, causing one to feel as if one was in a torrential sea of blood.

The stone talisman flew out from Lin Dong's palm and continuously shot out rays of gentle light which enveloped the blood figure and suppressed its surging baleful aura. Furthermore, the black light poured out from Heavy Prison Peak above it, pushing down on the Blood Soul Puppet, so as to avoid it going out of control.

“Roar!”

However, even with these two powerful forces, a savage glint still flowed in its eyes when the Blood Soul Puppet was summoned, while a roar akin to a wild beast burst out from its throat.

“Humph, it's not your turn to behave badly. Watch how grandpa marten takes care of you!”

Little Marten coldly snorted. It waved its claw as a Qiankun bag flew out from Lin Dong's sleeve before thousands upon thousands of round Nirvana pills poured out under Lin Dong's pain filled gaze.

They were clearly going to bring out the big guns this time!

Chapter 428: Cleansing The Blood Soul Puppet

Fiery-red and round elixir pills were densely packed as they hovered in that spacious stone chambers. When such a large amount of Nirvana Pills appeared together, it caused the Yuan Power in the stone chamber to instantly boil. In fact, even the surrounding air stealthily heated up.

Lin Dong sucked in a breath of air filled with potent Nirvana Qi, while his face was filled with a delighted expression. If he chose to absorb and refine all thirty-thousand Nirvana Pills, he could quickly breakthrough to peak Manifestation stage. Unfortunately, he did not have much Nirvana Pills and he could not afford to splurge them. Therefore, he must reserve the quality steel for his blade. Evidently, right now, the Blood Soul Puppet was his blade...

“Nirvana Spirit Transformation Formation!”

Little Marten hovered in the stone chamber, while its claws danced and caused several shadows to erupt. As its claws danced, several dark-purple light beams shot out from within his claws before they finally criss-crossed together. Faintly, they formed into an extremely complicated and obscure formation above the stone chamber.

“Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!”

When that formation was formed, Little Marten’s expression turned increasingly solemn. As it waved its claws, countless

Nirvana Pills instantly whizzed forth, before they finally transformed into streams of fiery-red Nirvana Qi and fused with that formation.

Hua La!

As that large amount of Nirvana Qi gushed in, fiery-red flames instantly lit up above that large formation. Of course, these were not real flames, but rather flames formed from that rich Nirvana Qi.

Fiery Nirvana Flames burned, while the temperature in the stone domain stealthily increased. In fact, even though Lin Dong had a tough physical body, he could still feel a slight burn on his body.

“Growl!”

Below that large formation, that Blood Soul Puppet obviously felt an uneasy sensation. Immediately, the killing intent permeating its entire body suddenly increased, as it tried to resist desperately and caused the light screen formed by the stone talisman and Heavy Prison Peak to vibrate continuously.

“Lin Dong, let me cleanse the killing intent in the Blood Soul Puppet. During this period of time, you will be in charge of suppressing the Blood Soul Puppet. If it is able to break free from its chains and escape the large formation, I am afraid that we will no longer be able to handle it!” When it saw this sight, Little Marten’s eyes darkened as it coldly shouted out.

“Yes!”

Lin Dong solemnly nodded his head as he understood the severity of this matter. Previously, they had laboured intensively in order to seal the Blood Soul Puppet. Therefore, if they allowed it to break free, even if Lin Dong and Little Marten joined forces, they would be unable to seal it again. After all, compared to before, the Blood Soul Puppet’s strength had evidently surged. Therefore, if it wanted to escape, even a Nirvana stage practitioner could not change its mind.

This was evidently a sight that Lin Dong would loathe to see. The Blood Soul Puppet was one of the most important tools in his arsenal and he had spent a considerable amount of effort in order to obtain sufficient Nirvana Pills. Now that he was at the final step, he could not allow any errors.

Therefore, Lin Dong immediately took charge of the stone talisman and Heavy Prison Peak, before all the Yuan Power in his body unreservedly gushed out and flowed into the two of them. Instantly, the stone talisman and Heavy Prison Peak trembled, as streams of powerful energy shockwaves poured down. Just like a lid, it forcefully suppressed a raging Blood Soul Puppet.

“Boom!”

Just as Lin Dong suppressed the Blood Soul Puppet, Little Marten suddenly waved its claws. Instantly, that large formation began to tremble violently before a fiery-red column, formed from Nirvana Qi poured down from within that formation. Just like magma, it immediately rained down on that Blood Soul Puppet.

Buzz! Buzz!

When those rich Nirvana Qi invaded the Blood Soul Puppet's body, creaking noises instantly erupted from the latter's body. Thanks to the cleansing properties of Nirvana Qi, its maniacal overflowing killing intent quickly dissolved at an alarming rate.

However, every time a stream of killing intent was cleansed by that Nirvana Qi, another stream of killing intent continuously gushed out from within the Blood Soul Puppet. Furthermore, that Blood Soul Puppet began to resist even more violently. Meanwhile, its savage blood-red pupils stared right at Lin Dong, while beast-like growls continuously echoed out from its throat.

As that Blood Soul Puppet struggled manically, Lin Dong's expression turned increasingly solemn. He could feel that the Heavy Prison Peak and stone talisman were trembling gently. Regardless, the Blood Soul Puppet was an existence that could match up against a Nirvana stage practitioner. Therefore, though he had the stone talisman and Heavy Prison Peak, it was still quite difficult for him to suppress it.

“Lin Dong, the killing intent in the Blood Soul Puppet is extremely potent. Therefore, it would take a few days in order to completely cleanse it. I need to control the formation and I can afford no distractions. Therefore, you are on your own when you suppress the Blood Soul Puppet. If an accident occurs mid-way, there will be no time for regrets!” Little Marten softly said.

“Yes!” Lin Dong nodded his head again while his nerves were tightly bounded. If that Blood Soul Puppet escaped, the first one it would target would definitely be him. At that time, he would be in real trouble.

After Little Marten finished warning him, it did not speak any more. Immediately, its figure flashed before it headed inside the large formation and disappeared within that potent Nirvana Qi. As it headed in, the large formation began to spin at a faster rate before an increasingly potent fiery-red light column gushed out. Just like flames, it completely enveloped the Blood Soul Puppet below.

“Growl!”

A savage roar manically echoed out in the stone chamber and caused the entire stone chamber to tremble. In fact, if Little Marten had not set up a formation, the entire stone chamber would have been blown to bits by its savage killing intent and it would have spilled into Yang City and revealed its existence.

Boom! Boom!

As more and more Nirvana Pills gushed into the large formation, the fiery-red energy within became increasingly hot, until eventually, even Lin Dong’s expression began to change. These Nirvana Pills had the ability to cleanse one’s bones and muscles. However, too much of a good thing may become harmful. Though Lin Dong had mastered “Lesser Nirvana Golden Body”, if he came into contact with these Nirvana Flames that were formed from thirty thousand Nirvana Pills, he would probably squeal out in

pain as well.

In the stone chamber, the Blood Soul Puppet's growls turned increasingly savage. It seems like it felt extremely uneasy and that forced it to struggle even more violently. Meanwhile, cracks even emerged on the light screen formed by the stone talisman and the Heavy Prison Peak and caused Lin Dong's heart to shudder. He knew that if the Blood Soul Puppet tore through the light screen, everything that he had done would be for naught.

"I must not let this thing escape!"

Lin Dong viciously gritted his teeth. Then, his mind moved, before his Devouring Ancestral Symbol flew out from within his Niwan Palace. Following which, a black hole slowly emerged below that Blood Soul Puppet.

When that black hole appeared, a Devouring Force slowly emerged before the killing intent diffusing from within the Blood Soul Puppet's body was instantly devoured by the black hole. By doing so, it helped to relieve some of the pressure on the large formation.

However, by doing so, it caused Lin Dong to sweat profusely as he had to take control of three items simultaneously. Even though his Mental Energy was powerful, it was quite stressful for him as well. Thankfully, he was a stubborn man. As he gritted his teeth, he directly fought against that Blood Soul Puppet.

It obviously took quite some time in order to cleanse the killing

intent in the Blood Soul Puppet. After all, the killing intent in the Blood Soul Puppet was accumulated over countless years. Therefore, even with this amount of Nirvana Pills and the strength of the large formation, it was no simple feat to completely cleanse it.

Therefore, this time around, the cleansing process took four whole days.

In these four day's time, Lin Dong's nerves were tightly bounded and he did not dare to relax at all. His eyes were bloodshot and due to the stress, fatigue was deeply plastered within the deepest corner of his eyes.

Hua. Hua.

Fiery-red Nirvana Qi was just like magma as it continuously rained down from within the large formation. Finally, under Lin Dong's bloodshot eyes, it landed on that Blood Soul Puppet's body.

After four days of cleansing, the savage killing intent in the Blood Soul Puppet had almost been completely wiped away. Its originally blood-red body had turned fiery-red. Even though it was still red in color, it did not look as savage as before...

As he stared at this sight, a tinge of contentment surged into Lin Dong's bloodshot eyes. It seems like he had not suffered for nothing over these past four days. Nonetheless, he must soldier on...

“Buzz! Buzz!”

Just as Lin Dong let down his guard, inside the glowing screen, white puffs of smoke erupted from that Blood Soul Puppet’s body. Then, the final trace of killing intent was finally completely cleansed by that Nirvana Qi.

When that final trace of killing intent disappeared, the Blood Soul Puppet’s body became as hot as flames. The glowing seal that was originally at its forehead finally disappeared.

“Lin Dong, use your essence blood and form a Blood Seal!” Little Marten’s voice suddenly rang out.

When he heard Little Marten’s voice, Lin Dong’s spirits were suddenly lifted up. He had been waiting for four days for this moment. Immediately, he bit his tongue before he spat out a mouthful of essence blood. As he skillfully maneuvered, he managed to accurately hit the Blood Soul Puppet’s forehead.

Chii! Chii!

When that essence blood landed on that Blood Soul Puppet’s forehead, a puff of mist instantly erupted forth. That essence blood continuously eroded the Blood Soul Puppet via its forehead. As it faced this corrosive force, that originally savage Blood Soul Puppet actually did not resist at all as it allowed the essence blood to invade its mind, before it formed a brand new seal in its mind!

Buzz!

When that seal was formed, a buzzing noise instantly erupted in Lin Dong's mind. Meanwhile, a sense of control suddenly appeared. Immediately, a content smile emerged on his lethargic face. He knew that from now on, this Blood Soul Puppet would be exclusively controlled by him!

He would no longer have to worry about any backflash!

This will be a major boost for him in the ancient battlefield!

Chapter 429: Time To Make A Move

When they saw Lin Dong emerge from that stone chamber, standing outside, Mo Ling and the rest evidently heaved a deep sigh of relief. It seems like they had unknowingly treated Lin Dong as the nucleus of this team and only when he was around, could this team gel together.

“Did anything happen during this past few days?” After he successfully subdued the Blood Soul Puppet, Lin Dong’s spirits were evidently uplifted and he was no longer as exhausted as before. As he stretched his back, he hugged Little Flame, which had dashed towards him, before he smiled at the three of them and said.

“This is a fairly rural area and besides, we did not go anywhere during these past four days. Therefore, no accidents took place.” Mo Ling smiled before he said: “However, Yang City has been getting increasingly crowded. Recently, troops from various empires have been coming here. I believe that most of them are here in preparation for the mountain raid tomorrow.”

Lin Dong gently nodded his head. There were countless Demonic Beasts in the Thunder Granite Mountain Range and the troops from one empire alone were evidently unable to successfully reach the Thunder Granite Valley. Therefore, the various elite practitioners in Yang City must combine forces in order to successfully reach the Thunder Granite Valley. Of course, once they reach the Thunder Granite Valley, how they would split the treasures would depend on one’s own abilities.

“During these past two days, Mo Tei came over once. However, when he saw that you were still training, he left again. With regards to the Saint Light Empire, there has been no movements from them. It seems like Jin Mu is truly wary of you and he does not dare to make a move lightly.” Mo Ling smiled before he turned to Lin Dong and asked: “So what should we do next?”

“Tomorrow, we will meet up with the other elite practitioners in Yang City. There are quite a number of powerful Demonic Beasts in Thunder Granite Mountain Range and we will have to rely on others. Else, it would be no simple feat for us to reach Thunder Granite Valley.” Lin Dong solemnly said.

With regards to Lin Dong’s words, the rest of them naturally chose not to object. Immediately, the three of them nodded their heads. After all, they were fairly curious and looking forward to seeing the various treasures in the Thunder Granite Valley.

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The next day, when the first ray of sunlight shone on this large city, a terrifying commotion immediately erupted in the city. In the sky above the city, countless splitting wind noise sounded out, before countless figures swarmed forth just like a locust swarm. All of them had a fervent burning expression in their eyes. Evidently, after these past few days, they were all itching to obtain the treasures in Thunder Granite Valley.

Lin Dong and the rest were already well prepared. After a brief discussion, they immediately headed out of Yang City. Just as they lept off the citywall, they saw that there were already waves of

humans packed outside the city. That commotion caused Lin Dong and the rest to be slightly taken aback. The ones who could come to the ancient battlefield were all fairly skilled and there were all considered as geniuses in their respective empires. With so many geniuses gathered together, it created a fairly spectacular sight.

“Haha, brother Lin Dong. You have finally came out.”

Just as Lin Dong and the rest were in awe at the sight in front of them, a hearty laugh suddenly echoed out. Immediately, Lin Dong turned around only to hear several splitting wind noise. Promptly, he saw a large crowd on that spacious citywall.

This was a fairly large crowd and there were nearly a hundred people, creating a rather spectacular formation. However, what shocked them the most was that including Mo Tei, standing in front of the group, there were actually three half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners. In comparison, Lin Dong’s line-up seemed rather pitiful. Not only were they lacking in numbers, they did not even have a single half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner.

Therefore, when this group landed, some of them glanced disdainfully at them. After all, they came from a mid-grade empire and based on Lin Dong’s line-up, they evidently knew that they were from some unknown small empire.

Lin Dong’s eyes casually swept across the group. When he saw those disdainful expressions, his brows gently furrowed.

“Mo Tei, is this the friend that you spoke of that can match up

against Jin Mu?” Standing beside Mo Tei, a tall lady dressed in red clothes asked. This lady’s face was rather beautiful, however there was a tinge of arrogance on her white almond shaped face. As she casually glanced at Lin Dong, though she did not have a similar disdainful expression, there was a strong disbelieving look in her eyes.

With regards to this lady, Lin Dong was fairly intrigued by her as well. It was not because of her appearance, but rather she was the first female half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner that he had encountered in the ancient battlefield.

“Advanced Manifestation stage. It will be quite difficult for you to travel alone in Thunder Granite Mountain Range.” Another plain-looking man, with a formidable glint in his eyes, calmly spoke.

“Haha, not only can brother Lin Dong match up against Jin Mu, he even forced him into a rather sorry state. Looks can be deceiving.” When he heard their suspicious tone, Mo Tei smiled apologetically at Lin Dong before he said.

“Let’s hope so.”

When they heard his words, the two of them chose to ignore it. With regards to Lin Dong, since they were not present during the incident, they had only heard rumours about it. Though they were fairly stunned that Lin Dong could match up against Jin Mu, that was the extent of it. Regardless, in their opinion, since Lin Dong was merely at advanced Manifestation stage, it would still be difficult for him to defeat a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner.

“Brother Lin Dong, let me introduce you to them. This is Tang Xuan from the Great Tang Empire.”

Mo Tei first pointed at that beautiful lady dressed in red clothes, before he turned towards that plain-looking man and said: “This is Liu Xuan from Xuan Yun Empire. Both of them are half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners. For this trip to Thunder Granite Mountain Range, if we travelled together, it would provide us with additional insurance. Haha, besides, they are straight-talkers and they do not mean to look down on brother Lin Dong. If they have offended you, I hope that you can forgive them.”

Though Mo Tei looked like a brute, he was a fairly tactful man and he was worried about the harshness of their words. Immediately, he smiled as he tried to diffuse the tension.

Lin Dong gently nodded his head as he cupped his fists and bowed at the two of them. When the Tang Xuan duo saw this sight, they casually returned the greeting. Though they were doubtful of Lin Dong’s ability, they were fairly reasonable individuals. When they saw how easygoing Lin Dong was, they naturally did not want to make things difficult for him. In their opinion, even if Lin Dong was truly a weakling, on behalf of Mo Tei, they would still allow him to tag along.

“It seems like we are all gathered here and it’s about time to enter the Thunder Granite Mountain Range.” When he saw both factions in agreement, Mo Tei lifted his head and glanced at that waves of people outside of the citywall before he said.

Lin Dong once again nodded his head, before he turned around and glanced at his surroundings. Immediately, he realized that there were other similar groups around. Most of them should have been formed after various empires allied themselves and established a temporary alliance. Just like what they did.

“Heh Mo Tei, it seems like you do not have good contacts. After so long, is that the best you can do?” Just as Lin Dong glanced at the citywall, a familiar laughter suddenly echoed out.

When he heard that voice, Lin Dong’s eyes narrowed. Turning his head around, he saw a large group of men heading towards them. Standing in front of that group, it was indeed Jin Mu, who had a grudge with Lin Dong.

Lin Dong’s eyes swept across Jin Mu and his group. Standing beside him, he also saw Hai Sha, whom he had previously met. Besides, he also saw three other half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners. It seems like there were actually five half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner at Jin Mu’s side. Compared to Mo Tei’s faction, they were evidently stronger.

When they heard Jin Mu’s words, Mo Tei and the Tang Xuan duo’s expressions slightly darkened. They did not have a cordial relationship with Jin Mu. Furthermore, there was a tinge of mockery hidden in the latter’s words.

Even though they were outraged, owing to the overwhelming strength of Jin Mu’s group, Mo Tei and the two of them chose to coldly snort and they did not speak any further.

“Kid, don’t think that you can relax just because you have found a backer. Once you enter into the Thunder Granite Mountain Range, they may not even be able to protect themselves. I hope that you can make it out alive...” Jin Mu smiled before he started venomously at Lin Dong. Contained in his eyes, was a rich and venomous killing intent.

“Thanks for your concern.” Lin Dong’s voice was calm and he was not intimidated by the five half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner. His callous expression caused Jin Mu to be so outraged till his eyes darkened.

“Kid, just you wait. Once you enter into the Thunder Granite Mountain Range, you will surely regret it.” Jin Mu glanced venomously at Lin Dong before he turned to Mo Tei and said: “All of you should know that I have a personal grudge with that man. If you are wise, don’t interfere when the time comes. Else, don’t blame me for being ruthless.”

“Pfft, Jin Mu, don’t push it!” Mo Tei’s face was slightly ugly. By threatening him in front of so many people, Jin Mu was simply too disrespectful towards him.

“Don’t say I didn’t warn you, there is no point in risking your lives for a stranger. Haha.” Jin Mu ignored Mo Tei’s outburst as he laughed again. Then, he led his group of men as they left off the citywall.

Mo Tei and the Tang Xuan duo stared at Jin Mu and the rest’s

figures, while their faces turned grim. They had never expected that Jin Mu could actually create an alliance with so many other empires.

“The three of you, I have a fairly deep grudge with Jin Mu. I think it is best to travel by myself.” Lin Dong’s eyes narrowed before he suddenly turned to Mo Tei and said.

“Brother Lin Dong, what are you talking about. Since we have agreed to travel together, there is no need to fear. Furthermore, we have a grudge with Jin Mu as well. Even if you left, should the opportunity present itself, we will still make a move. Therefore, it is best for us to travel together and we can take care of one another.” However, when he heard Lin Dong’s words, Mo Tei immediately replied.

“Heh, though you are only at advanced Manifestation stage, it would still be a small boost for us. If you travel together with us, if we encounter them in the Thunder Granite Mountain Range, it would force them to be more wary as well.” Tang Xuan casually said. Though this lady had good intentions, her words felt stinging to his ears. After all, it seems like her words indicated that Lin Dong needed their protection.

Though her words felt stinging to his ears, Lin Dong was fairly surprised by her reply. After all, they had barely met and yet they still chose to side with him even after Jin Mu threatened them. Just this fact alone was enough to allow Lin Dong to let his guard down against them.

“Alright, brother Lin Dong. A man should not be wishy-washy.

It's about time. Let's make a move and head into Thunder Granite Valley!"

Mo Tei patted Lin Dong's shoulders. Without further ado, his figure flashed, before he took charge and lept off the citywall. Then, he dashed towards that gigantic mountain range. Behind him, Tang Xuan and the rest quickly followed behind.

When Lin Dong saw this situation, he could only wave his hands. Then, he waved at Mo Ling and the rest, before they quickly tagged behind.

Since Jin Mu could gather four other half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners, it seems like he was fairly capable as well. However, if that fellow is truly plotting against him, Lin Dong would not mind killing all of them in Thunder Granite Valley...

Chapter 430: Entering The Thunder Granite Mountain Range

Thunder Granite mountain range was extremely wide and spacious. The steep mountain within looked just like pillars that soared up into the clouds. Faintly, a series of deep and savage animal growls echoed out from within and shocked the entire woods.

Within a several thousand mile radius, the Thunder Granite mountain range was a fairly renowned spot. Not only were there numerous Demonic Beasts within, there were even genuine Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts in the deepest regions. Therefore, this was a forbidden area for many people and there was usually hardly anyone who dared to trespass into this forbidden zone.

However, today was no ordinary day. Countless people swarmed into the mountain range like locusts. Therefore, this large and spacious mountain range, enshrouded by mist, instantly became extremely noisy and chaotic.

Of course, this large-scale intrusion naturally irked the wrath of the mountain range's local inhabitants. Therefore, when this locust swarm like crowd entered the mountain range, a series of screams and growls periodically ricocheted across the mountain range.

The Demonic Beasts in the ancient battlefield were vicious by nature and everyone today got to experience just how savage they were. Even as they faced such a large amount of humans, there were still Demonic Beasts who recklessly charged towards the

crowd, causing several problems for them.

Lin Dong and the rest were not at the front of the group. Instead, they were in the middle of the pack. Therefore, even though they were attacked by some Demonic Beasts along the way, it were mostly the ones who slipped through the cracks and were not much a problem..

“These bastards are truly difficult to deal with.”

Mo Tei's fist shot through the air, directly blowing apart a hideous-looking Demonic Beast that had leapt out from the bushes. However, the latter did not slow down at all. Instead, its vicious claws ripped his clothes apart, before it finally stiffened and collapsed. Upon seeing this, Mo Tei involuntarily furrowed his brows and commented in a helpless manner.

Lin Dong lifted his head and scanned his surroundings. Sounds of fighting could be heard all around him as a faint bloody stench spread out on the mountain range. This sight caused his pupils to shrink a little. He also understood that they were now merely at the outskirts of the Thunder Granite mountain range. Hence, once they ventured deeper within, the resistance they encounter will definitely intensify. As expected, no ordinary faction could barge into this Thunder Granite mountain range alone.

“This is mere foreplay. The real fight will be at night. At that time, the total number of people here will likely shrink by a third.” The lady in red clothes called Tang Xuan glanced around before she declared. Her tone was slightly solemn and it showed just how terrifying this place was.

When they heard her words, several people's hearts shuddered. Nightfall in the ancient battlefield had a restraining effect on their Yuan Power, while the Demonic Beasts would become even more savage. Typically speaking, they were able to rely on the citywall to withstand the encroaching nightfall. However, they were now deep within the mountains, a place where countless Demonic Beasts roamed freely. Without the protection of the citywalls, they must use their physical bodies to battle against these savage Demonic Beasts, something that would be rather cruel.

Mo Tei's face was solemn as he nodded his head. Promptly, he turned to look at Lin Dong, Tang Xuan and the rest before he spoke, "When nightfall descends, we will set up camp and other defensive formations. Together, we will withstand the Demonic Beasts."

No one objected to Mo Tie's suggestion. Demonic Beasts were extremely savage at night and had no fear of death. In contrast, their Yuan Power would be suppressed and their battle ability would be greatly reduced.

Lin Dong gaze swept across his surroundings. Though there were several factions stemming from Yang City, they were not of one mind. Instead, they were split into various smaller and larger groups, and Lin Dong's group could only be considered ordinary in this large force.

"Brother Lin Dong, do be extra careful at night. Though Demonic Beasts are extremely difficult to deal with, I am afraid that someone may be plotting against you." Mo Tei suddenly

approached Lin Dong and softly said.

When he heard these words, Lin Dong was stunned for a moment. Promptly, he nodded his head before he turned to look to his right. Whether it was intentional or not, it turns out that Jin Mu's group was actually quite close to them. At the same time, the venomous stares directed towards him allowed him to understand that based on Jin Mu's character, he would not let them have a peaceful journey.

“Swoosh! Swoosh!”

After Mo Tei spoke, several splitting wind noises echoed behind him. Following which, Lin Dong immediately saw several figures leaping out from behind him in a slightly flashy manner. Such flashy moves naturally drew a few displeasing stares from the crowd. However, when they saw the badges on their clothes, all of them involuntarily looked away.

“Such a formidable lineup. I believe that there should be at least ten half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners. Which empire is so powerful?” Lin Dong was a little shocked as he stared in mid-air and asked.

“Those are men from the Great Yuan Empire.” Mo Tei stared somewhat reverently at those figures before he continued, “The Great Yuan Empire can be considered as one of the top two factions in Yang City. Previously, they used to be a high rank empire. However, due to various reasons, they began to decline. Nonetheless, their background far exceeds those of any ordinary mid rank empire.”

When he heard those words, Lin Dong had a flash of understanding. No wonder they had such a formidable lineup. It turns out that the Great Yuan Empire used to be a high rank empire. After he glanced at those men who flew past, he detected the exceptionally powerful aura of the one at the front. Based on his aura, though he could not be considered as a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner, he was far more powerful compared to ordinary half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners like Mo Tei.

“The other top faction in Yang City should be Ling Yun Empire. Though it is only a mid rank empire, they have grown rapidly over the past few years. Furthermore, the one leading them is a truly abnormal existence. It is said that he already possess the qualifications to attack the Nirvana stage, however he is merely biding his time to accumulate more Nirvana pills...”

Lin Dong quietly nodded his head. It seems like there were countless dragons and tigers hidden in Yang City, including the Great Yuan Empire’s leader from before. Though all of them had the qualifications to attack Nirvana stage, most of them chose to delay it.

“Those two great factions are the top contenders in the battle for the Mysterious Ancient Key. Of course, this is assuming that no unforeseen circumstances occur. For the rest of us, we can only hope for some leftovers.” Mo Tei sighed. Though he felt unhappy, there was little he could do. After all, strength reigned supreme in this place.

Lin Dong smiled and he did not comment. Instead, he lifted his

head and stared at those figures, a burning glint flickering in his eyes. In this fight for the Mysterious Ancient Key, he must succeed...

As the large group charged forward, the massive Thunder Granite mountain range did not quieten down at all. Due to the constant harassment from various Demonic Beasts, all of them were forced to slow down. Meanwhile, everyone watched on nervously as the sky stealthily began to darken.

When the fiery-red sun descended below the horizon, everyone stopped. Each group quickly split up and swiftly set up their campsite. Everyone was aware that this was the first trial in their journey to the Thunder Granite Valley. If they could not survive the night, they should not entertain delusions of obtaining treasures...

A stormy atmosphere enshrouded the area. Immediately, campsites swiftly appeared in the mountain range while fiery red bonfires arose and lit up the area within a hundred mile radius.

Lin Dong and the rest sat quietly in the campsite, everyone around them was busy polishing their ice-cold blades. Though there were many of them here, everyone was afraid to speak due to the tense atmosphere. If they were in the city, they had little reason to be afraid of the incoming demonic horde. However, they had no situational advantage to rely upon in this area.

Lin Dong sat quietly, a serious look in his eyes. This was the Thunder Granite mountain range and the Demonic Beasts here far exceeded those that Lin Dong had encountered at the assembly

point. If he was negligent, his campsite would easily be overrun and he would become food for those beasts.

Mo Ling and the rest gathered around Lin Dong, while Little Flame vigilantly guarded their surroundings.

“When the demonic horde attacks, try to endure it for a while. I will try to ease everyone’s burden.” While Lin Dong and the rest’s expression turned solemn, Tang Xuan suddenly tilted her head and declared.

“Thank you.”

Lin Dong was stunned. Promptly, he replied with a smile. Though this woman seemed icy-cold on the outside, she had a kind heart.

Tang Xuan casually nodded her head before she turned around.

“Phew.”

Lin Dong did not mind this at all. His eyes were fixed onto the rising bonfire as he suddenly exhaled a puff of white qi. He could feel the Yuan Power in his body gradually becoming sluggish. Immediately, his eyes narrowed. It seems like the pressuring aura of nightfall had finally arrived.

As he felt this pressure, Lin Dong’s body gently jerked as a Devouring Force stealthily flowed on his skin, transforming into a

light black cortical on his skin.

Thanks to the peculiar light black cortical, the pressuring aura that emerged from the land immediately disappeared. Instantly, a smile appeared on Lin Dong's face. This was the Devouring Cortical that was formed using his Devouring Ancestral Symbol. With this cortical protecting him, he could easily disregard the pressure caused by nightfall.

This meant that though others could not bring out their true power, Lin Dong was still able to maintain his peak condition. This was undoubtedly a huge advantage for him.

Buzz!

Just as Lin Dong formed his Devouring Cortical, the ground suddenly began to tremble a little. Though it was a slight tremor, everyone here was skilled, hence, their faces turned solemn immediately before they slowly lifted their heads and stared at the distant pitch-black mountain range. At that spot, countless blood-red eyes flashed in the dark.

The demonic horde had arrived!

When they sensed the savage aura sweeping across the land, everyone's eyes turned serious.

Chapter 431: Second Encounter With The Demonic Horde

Rumble! Tumble! Tumble!

Just as nightfall enveloped the mountain range, the ground began to tremble. Meanwhile, a savage aura extended across the entire mountain range in an extremely domineering fashion, before it completely enshrouded most of the people here.

Even though there were quite a number of people from Yang City, they were insignificant compared to the massive Thunder Granite Mountain Range. Therefore, when the ground trembled, several people's eyes were filled with fear when they discerned the distant blood-red eyes glimmering in the dark.

This is the first time Lin Dong had encountered the demonic horde out in the open. Furthermore, based on its aura, Lin Dong knew that the demonic horde today is far more powerful than the one he encountered at the first assembly point.

Therefore, due to that all-encompassing killing aura, even his expression turned increasingly solemn. Promptly, he gripped his palm before his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear immediately appeared.

As everyone watched on nervously, those densely packed blood-red eyes finally appeared within the illuminated radius of the flames. When they saw those icy-cold and hideous demonic beasts that emerged from the dark, several people's hearts shuddered.

“Growl!”

Man and beasts faced off and it seems like the atmosphere in this area had frozen. However, this standoff did not last for long, before it was broken by a series of screams and growls, which sounded out one after another.

These demonic beasts already knew about the human’s invasion. However, they were no ordinary demonic beasts and they possessed intelligence as well. Therefore, during the day, they chose to conceal themselves and wait for nightfall to arrive. That was because with the boost from moonlight, their claws could easily rip apart a human’s flesh.

Dong!

That seemingly never-ending demonic horde began to rampage manically. Their targets were obviously the various campsites in the mountain range.

“Wu!”

“Defend! Quickly! The demonic horde is here!”

Fearsome and piercing noises as well as some panicked screams ricocheted across the mountain range. Following which, several formidable Yuan Power shockwaves erupted. Everyone knew how terrifying it was to defend against a demonic horde out in the

open, however, they had no choice...

“Boom!”

As they faced such a massive demonic horde, some of the campsite located in front were almost instantaneously wiped out upon contact. Occasionally, some Yuan Power shockwaves that erupted will be swiftly extinguished after a painful cry. That sight caused several people's heart to shudder. Against such a massive never-ending demonic horde, even a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner would feel fear.

Nonetheless, though the demonic horde is huge, the people from Yang City are no pushovers. Furthermore, there are more and more campsite behind. Therefore, several streams of Yuan Power shockwaves seemingly formed into a thousand meter tall glowing screen before it directly clashed against that incoming demonic horde. Instantly, countless demonic beasts were blown apart. However, that exploding rain of blood agitated the remaining demonic beasts and they subsequently split into multiple factions, before they charged towards different campsites.

“Kill!”

As they faced the onslaught from the demonic horde, a series of enraged roar erupted in the campsite. Formidable blades and swords glimmered, while alarming Yuan Power shockwaves swept forth and butchered several sturdy steel-like demonic beasts.

This was a real fight without citywall to protect them. If they

want to survive the demonic horde, they must go all-out and defend themselves.

“Tang Xuan, you are in charge of defending the northern side. Liu Xuan, take the eastern side. I will be at the west. Lin Dong, I will leave the demonic beasts at the southern side to you. Do not let them overrun the campsite or we will all be dead!”

Right now, Mo Tei’s expression was so imposing that it could not be described with words. He gripped tightly onto a large black sabre in his hand, while he stared viciously at the incoming demonic horde. At the same time, his roar echoed out within the campsite.

Even without him commanding them, everyone in the campsite had already moved and caused the entire campsite to be flooded. Streams of potent Yuan Power was just like a glowing screen as it enveloped the entire campsite.

Lin Dong’s figure flashed before he directly appeared at the southern side of the campsite. With a solemn expression on their faces, Mo Ling and the rest quickly followed behind him. Furthermore, Lin Dong did not have much men under him. Therefore, Mo Tei and the rest also sent some of their men over. Else, if it were just the four of them, they may truly be unable to secure the southern side.

“Here they are!”

Just as Lin Dong reached the southern side, the demonic horde

had arrived as well. Together with an overwhelming pressure, those hideous and bloody beasts viciously clashed against the campsite.

“Bang!”

Under the terrifying stares from the crowd, the demonic horde finally clashed against their campsite. Instantly, everyone’s heart shuddered violently. Thankfully, their campsite did not collapse. Instead, several demonic beasts were instantly blown apart upon impact.

“Attack!”

Immediately, Mo Tei’s deep growl sounded out. Following which, everyone immediately unleashed their attacks that they had been preparing. As such, all of them nearby demonic beasts were instantly slaughtered.

However, this was hardly a significant blow to that never-ending demonic horde. Therefore, before the crowd had time to celebrate, they immediately saw an even large demonic wave swarming towards them.

This was an extremely vicious battle. As they stared at the sea of blood-red eyes, everyone’s breathing became increasingly ragged. Faintly, signs of insanity emerged.

Bang! Bang!

All sorts of martial arts were unleashed, before the combined formidable shockwind viciously blew away those hideous demonic beasts.

The entire mountain range was dyed in blood, while screams continuously echoed out. It was no simple feat to defend against such a massive demonic horde out in the open at night...

Lin Dong stared solemnly at the southern side of his campsite. As those reckless demonic beasts continued to charge at them, some of them were quickly injured. In a manner of speaking, based on their current lineup, it was truly a stretch for them to hold off the demonic horde.

“The ones who are injured take a short break, the rest will reinforce them!”

Lin Dong’s deep growl sounded out in several people’s ears. However, when they heard their voice, the men from the other three empires involuntarily pursed their lips. After all, if they took a break, could they count on just the four of them to hold them off?

Just as this thought flashed across their mind, they suddenly saw a figure leaping out from the campsite, before he appeared outside of the campsite. Following which, the bone spear in his hand solemnly stomped against the ground, before an exceedingly formidable aura swept forth. In fact, this caused some of the incoming demonic beasts to stumble, before they once again

charged at Lin Dong with an even more savage speed.

“That guy!”

When they saw that Lin Dong actually dared to head out of the campsite, several people exclaimed in shock. Against such a terrifying demonic horde, even a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner did not dare to head outside. Therefore, isn't Lin Dong courting death?

“Buzz! Buzz!”

However, Lin Dong chose to ignore them. Instead, he stared coldly at the incoming demonic horde, before he jerked his arm. Immediately, he carved out numerous shadows with his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear. Every time a shadow appeared, one demonic beast will be slaughtered. Following which, Lin Dong jerked his spear, before a stream of Devouring Force emerged and devoured the demonic crystal inside the demonic beast and refined it into a stream of Nirvana Qi, which fused into his body.

Thanks to his powerful attack, every demonic beasts within a ten meter radius of Lin Dong was instantly slaughtered. However, they were promptly filled up with new demonic beasts. Nonetheless, against this never-ending swarm of demonic beasts, Lin Dong's eyes became increasingly resplendent. Meanwhile, savage shockwinds continuously erupted from the bone spear within his hand.

Lin Dong's actions immediately showcased just how powerful he

was. The other three empire members, who originally looked down at him, also felt that immense pressure. Immediately, their faces turned solemn.

Everyone knew just how terrifying the demonic beasts were at night. However, Lin Dong was still able to dominate them in the midst of the demonic horde. This was a feat that even a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner could not accomplish.

When they detected the commotion, Mo Tei, Tang Xuan and Liu Xuan, who were fighting bitterly, turned to glance at Lin Dong. Immediately, their pupils shrunk. In particular, shock emerged in Tang Xuan and Liu Xuan's eyes. Right now, they finally believed the rumours of the fight between Lin Dong and Jin Mu.

Lin Dong was deep within the demonic horde. As he waved his spear, countless demonic beasts immediately fell on his feet. Following which, his eyes turned to look at the back of the demonic horde. At that spot, he could sense an extremely savage vibration. He knew that was going to be the decisive factor in this fight.

Boom!

A crack suddenly appeared in the demonic horde. Just as several people heaved a sigh of relief, their faces promptly turned grim. That was because, they saw several ancient tyrannosaurus-looking demonic beasts slowly emerging from the dark.

There was an extremely powerful vibration undulated on these

demonic beasts. That vibration was enough to rival a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner.

Rip.

Under the illumination of the fire, several people's face turned much paler.

Chapter 432: Kill

Dong!

As they stared at those powerful Demonic Beasts, whose footsteps are able to shake mountains, everyone's faces turned increasingly pale. The savage aura gushing out from their bodies let everyone understood just how vicious they were.

Each one of these Demonic Beasts is able to rival a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner!

At the moment, even Lin Dong's pupils violently shrunk. As he was too far away, he could not tell how many half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts were present. At the very least, based on the ones that he could see, he knew that they were powerful enough to rip apart all the campsites.

At this moment, he finally understood why the demonic horde is considered as a catastrophe in the ancient battlefield. In front of such a massive force, even a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner did not dare to clash against it!

Wu! Wu!

An extremely sharp and piercing warning siren echoed out in the entire mountain range and everyone felt as if their hearts were being squeezed by a invisible large hand.

“Boom!”

As that warning siren echoed out, those half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts released a series of deafening roars. Promptly, their speed increased before they spread themselves out and headed towards different campsites.

When Lin Dong saw this sight, his eyes shrunk. He could see that there were a total of four half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts charging towards them. It seems like these fellow are pretty intelligent and they detected that there were four tough opponents at their campsite.

“Tang Xuan, Liu Xuan, Lin Dong, the four of us will combine forces and each of us will take on one Demonic Beast. We must not let them overrun our campsite!” When he saw those four half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts charging towards them, Mo Tei suddenly shouted. At this juncture, if their campsite was overrun, everyone within will be instantly swept away by the demonic horde.

Furthermore, the only ones here who could fight against those four Demonic Beasts were the four of them.

However, just as Mo Tei shouted, those four incoming half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts had already split up. Then, they each charged towards Mo Tei and the rest respectively

“Stupid beast, this old man wants to find out just how powerful you are!” Mo Tei was so agitated by those blood-red eyeballs till his

breathing turned ragged. Following which, he suddenly swung the black large sabre in his hand, before a venomous blade shadow gushed out. With a loud roar, his body suddenly dashed forth, while the blade shadows in his hand was just like glowing screens as they rained down on that Demonic Beast.

After Mo Tei made his move, Tang Xuan duo also dashed forth as they pushed all the Yuan Power in their bodies to their limits. Then, they unleashed various powerful martial arts before they managed to forcefully hold down those half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts.

When they saw that the three powerful Demonic Beasts had been held down, everyone in the campsite heaved a sigh of relief. Promptly, all of them nervously turned to the southern side, before they saw a hideous-looking Demonic Beast, filled with a rich killing aura, dashing towards them.

Everyone here is keenly aware of Mo Tei and the Tang Xuan duo's strength. Even during nightfall, when their Yuan Power is being constrained, they should be able to handle a half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast. Therefore, everyone's attention was now turned towards the southern side. That was because Lin Dong was in charge of guarding that spot.

Even though Lin Dong had previously showcased his strength, the Demonic Beast heading towards him was an existence that could rival a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner. Furthermore, regardless of which side collapsed, their campsite would be flooded by Demonic Beasts. Therefore, Lin Dong' southern side was equally crucial!

As the crowd watched nervously, Lin Dong remained calm. As he gripped on the bone spear in his palm, his lean figure gave off an indescribable yet majestic aura.

Lin Dong stared right at that powerful incoming Demonic Beast, while he slowly tightened his grip on the bone spear. Meanwhile, a tiny golden glow stealthily flowed beneath his skin.

“Boom!”

While that golden glow flowed, a sharp glint immediately flashed across Lin Dong’s eyes. Just like a sharp blade that had been unsheathed, his body flew forth. Then, under the bewildered stares from the crowd, he gallantly clashed against that half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast!

“Growl! Growl!”

That half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast clenched its claws into a fist. Following which, with a formidable force, that was powerful enough to obliterate mountains, it directly punched at Lin Dong. Faintly, one could discern some martial art moves contained in its attack. It seems like this Demonic Beast is fairly intelligent. In addition to its god-given strength, coupled with its martial art moves, it is able to propel its strength till a truly terrifying extent.

“Swoosh! Swoosh!”

However, as he faced that half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast's powerful attack, Lin Dong's feet executed Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps before his body transformed into a wisp of green smoke and easily dodged that attack. Promptly, his expression turned icy cold. Then, the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear in his hand transformed into an extremely sharp spear shadow, before he lightning-quick jabbed that Demonic Beast.

Buzz! La!

That Demonic Beast had extremely powerful defences and even a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner's attack could do little damage to it. However, the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear in Lin Dong's hand was no ordinary Soul Treasure. In fact, it was sharp enough to penetrate through a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner's defences. Therefore, when his spear brushed by, it directly left a deep and bloody wound on that Demonic Beast's body. Instantly, fresh blood spurted out.

“Growl!”

However, the intense pain did not cause the Demonic Beast to retreat. Instead, it got increasingly agitated as it viciously slammed its claws against the ground. Instantly, countless mud pillars shot out and viciously flew towards Lin Dong.

“Bang! Bang! Bang!”

Lin Dong's body transformed into a wisp of green smoke, while

several formidable spear shadows erupted from his hands and completely countered against those incoming mud pillars. Then, he jerked his spear, before he tangled with that Demonic Beasts again, causing powerful shockwaves to continuously erupt forth.

When they saw that Lin Dong could actually match up against that half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast, everyone in the campsite heaved a sigh of relief. Right now, none of them dared to look down at him anymore. After all, the facts laid bare in front of them and they finally believed that Lin Dong had the ability to match up to a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner!

Mo Tei and the Tang Xuan duo were fairly concerned about his situation as well. After all, they were all on the same boat and if Lin Dong's side was breached, they would be overrun by the demonic horde as well. Therefore, when they saw that Lin Dong had actually managed to stop the half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast, they solemnly heaved a sigh of relief.

Right now, this area in the mountain range was filled with fights and a bloody stench. Every campsite was surrounded by tons of Demonic Beasts. However, even though the demonic horde was massive, everyone here was no pushover and they also possessed strength and good teamwork. Therefore, after stumbling initially, they managed to slowly push back against the demonic horde. In fact, those half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts were all held down by the half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner in the respective campsite, thereby preventing them from causing additional damage to their campsite.

At this rate, as long as they can endure till daybreak, they can

successfully hold off this demonic horde!

“Boom!”

On the southern side of the campsite, a large and small figure violently clashed, before a savage shockwind swept forth and caused some unlucky Demonic Beast nearby to be blown apart.

Inside the campsite, several people stared in awe at Lin Dong, who was actually fighting against a half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast. In fact, when they saw that Lin Dong did not lose out at all, the awe in their eyes intensified. After all, during nightfall, even Mo Tei and the rest could only hold down the Demonic Beast and this was considered a fairly reputable result for them.

Of course, this was not the result that Lin Dong desired. After fighting for so long against that half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast, he naturally knew a bit about the latter's strength and weakness.

“Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle!”

Right now, after he was blown apart, a deep roar suddenly echoed out. Then, the crowd immediately saw a large glowing elephant suddenly appear. Following which, with a powerful shockwave that could destroy the world, it viciously slammed against that half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast.

“Boom!”

The entire earth seemed to have trembled at that moment. Then, under the bewildered stares from the crowd, that large Demonic Beast’s body flew out before it even squashed some unlucky Demonic Beasts along the way.

“Swoosh!”

The instant that Demonic Beast flew out, a figure once again flashed across the horizon before it appeared quickly in front of that Demonic Beast. Then, a sharp bone spear instantly swelled up, before it carried a sharp aura and pierced through that hideous Demonic Beast’s scalp.

A painful scream ricocheted across mid-air, and caused one’s hair to stand. However, this scream not only attracted the attention from his campsite, but drew the attention of other campsites as well.

When those people saw the Demonic Beast that had been killed by Lin Dong’s bone spear, a thick awe flowed in their eyes. During the night, even a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner can only hope to hold down these powerful Demonic Beasts and most ordinary half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner would not be able to kill them. However... Lin Dong was actually the first one to kill a half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast!

When they saw this sight, Tang Xuan and Liu Xuan, who were still tangling with the Demonic Beast, trembled. When they

recalled their initial attitude towards Lin Dong, a tinge of self-mockery involuntarily flashed in their hearts. Meanwhile, any trace of disdain in their hearts had completely disappeared.

Chapter 433: Vicious

Under numerous astonished stares, the bone spear in Lin Dong's hand jerked, directly blowing apart the Demonic Beast's head. Fresh blood spurted out, seemingly covering the sky before a flash of light shot out before steadily landing in Lin Dong's hand.

What had landed in Lin Dong's hand was a scarlet red fist-sized Demonic Crystal. Red light flowed within the Demonic Crystal while waves of vigorous Nirvana Qi spread outwards, its degree of richness caused even Lin Dong to be a little moved.

Compared to before, when Lin Dong had killed a peak Manifestation stage Demonic Beasts, the Nirvana Qi contained within this Demonic Crystal was practically on a different level.

If he could obtain a few more of these, he should be able to rapidly reach the peak Manifestation stage.

“Good stuff.”

A trace of delight flitted across Lin Dong's eyes. His hand tightened as Devouring Power gushed out, directly devouring the Nirvana Qi within the Demonic Crystal. As streams of Nirvana Qi flowed in his veins, Lin Dong immediately felt a burning sensation in his body. Meanwhile, the tiredness from the previous great battle vanished without a trace and the Yuan Power inside his body grew increasingly vigorous.

Just this single half-step-to Nirvana Demonic Beasts crystal was

equivalent to several hundred Nirvana pills!

After killing the Demonic Beasts, Lin Dong's figure moved, returning to the camp under the watch of several respectful gazes to once again defend the southern area, making sure the numerous Demonic Beasts would find it difficult to gain even a single inch.

The disturbance due to Lin Dong's killing of the half-step-to Nirvana Demonic Beasts was not small. Some of the surrounding camps also sensed it, and several people were somewhat stunned by this scene. After all, even the half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners on their side were still stuck in battle with the Demonic Beasts, while Lin Dong had already taken the lead and killed the Demonic Beasts with his advanced Manifestation stage strength. This feat proved that he was not just a little better than them.

"Humph, he merely relied on the might of his Soul Treasure, or else, how could he possibly kill a half-step-to Nirvana Demonic Beasts with that kind of strength?" In the camp on the northern side, a figure coldly watched the returning Lin Dong while icily snorting. This person was Jin Mu.

"The Soul Treasure in that fellow's hand is pretty powerful. I believe that it can be considered as top tier among Earthly Soul Treasures." Standing beside that man, a blue-robed Hai Sha smiled as he said. He eerily stared at Lin Dong, while greed flowed in his eyes.

"This is a pretty good opportunity." A vicious glint flitted across Jin Mu's eyes as he scanned his surroundings. They had a fairly

powerful line-up with five half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners plus other powerful practitioners as well. Therefore, they were hardly threatened by the demonic horde.

Outside of their campsite, there were five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast. However, these five Demonic Beast were held down by their men from the five empires and could not step foot into their camp.

“Hai Sha, is there anyway you can lure those five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts to their side? Lin Dong is performing well right? In that case, why don’t we send a few more beasts over to him.” A wicked smile emerged on Jin Mu’s face, while his eyes were glimmering sinisterly.

When he heard these words, Hai Sha gently furrowed his brows before he calmly said, “I do have a way, however...”

“As long as we can finish off that kid, I will let you study my Saint Light Empire’s ‘Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle’. How about it?” When he saw this situation, Jin Mu gently smiled as if he knew what Hai Sha was thinking about.

“I am fairly interested in that kid’s Soul Treasure as well.” Hai Sha gently smiled.

“It’s all yours.” Jin Mu calmly said.

“In that case, leave it to me. Killing one half-step-to Nirvana

stage Demonic Beasts is already his limit. To deal with five, haha!” Hai Sha laughed oddly, before his figure promptly flashed and directly leapt out of the campsite. When he was in mid-air, he waved his sleeves as a big puff of white dust emerged, enveloping the five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts.

“Growl!”

No one knew what the white dust that emerged from Hai Sha’s sleeves was. However, the instant it touched the half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts, their eyes turned blood-red, before they suddenly turned around and charged manically at Hai Sha.

“Heh, my Soul Demonic Dust is reserved for Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts. However, right now, I shall let this kid experience its prowess first.” When he saw those half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts charging towards him, Hai Sha laughed. Promptly, he felt a little heartache. It was extremely difficult to manufacture the Soul Demonic Dust and it was a speciality item from their Hai Ling Empire. Therefore, even he had a limited supply.

The eyes of the five Demonic Beast’s were blood-red as they charged towards him. Hai Sha’s figure moved as his body dashed out. However, his target was Lin Dong’s campsite.

When five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts travelled together, it naturally caused quite a commotion. Therefore, several people immediately turned to look. When they saw this sight, they were first stunned, before they tightly knitted their brows. Everyone here was no fool and it only took them a glance before they realized that Hai Sha held malicious intentions.

“Hai Sha, what are you doing!”

At the same time, when Mo Tei and the rest realized what was happening, their expressions changed drastically before they shouted out.

“Haha, there is too much pressure on our side. Since Lin Dong is performing exceptionally well, why don’t you help us relieve the burden. Haha.” Hai Sha laughed heartily, before he pointed his finger. Immediately, a white ball shot into Lin Dong’s campsite, before it instantly erupted, releasing a peculiar smell.

“Growl!”

When that smell emerged, the five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast that were chasing after Hai Sha instantly changed their target. Under countless bewildered stares, their blood-red eyes turned to Lin Dong’s campsite as they charged towards him.

“Hai Sha, you bastard!” When he saw this sight, Mo Tei was extremely enraged as his loud roar echoed in the distance.

Though the surrounding campsites were displeased with Hai Sha’s actions, they had little time to care for others. Therefore, they could only shake their head in sympathy.

“Haha, Mo Tei. Let’s talk again after you fend off those five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast!” Hai Sha laughed

venomously before he stared darkly at Lin Dong and said, “Lin Dong, aren’t you very capable? Come, show me your prowess again. Let’s see if you can slaughter five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts!”

As he spoke, Hai Sha quickly retreated, while a gloating expression surfaced in his eyes.

In the campsite, when Mo Ling and the rest saw the five incoming half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts, their expressions changed drastically. All of them were keenly aware that based on their current strength, it was impossible for them to defend against such an attack.

The campsite instantly descended into panic. Everyone’s face was white as wax while despair filled their faces.

Lin Dong stared grimly at that retreating Hai Sha. He knew that this must be Jin Mu’s idea. That fellow is truly a cunning and persistent bastard.

“Mo Ling, guard the campsite. I will lure away these five Demonic Beast.”

Lin Dong’s eyes glimmered. Promptly, he waved his sleeves before Little Flame dashed out and transformed into battle mode. It looked extremely impressive.

“Little Flame, stay here as well!’ Lin Dong deeply growled.

Without further ado, he grabbed outwards and directly sucked that white ball thrown by Hai Sha into his hand.

That white ball continuously gave off a smell that agitated these Demonic Beast. Right now, it had evidently spread out and enveloped their entire campsite.

After he gripped the white ball, without hesitation, Lin Dong's figure moved. Under Mo Tei and the rest bewildered stares, he dashed out of the campsite and headed backwards.

Growl! Growl!

The five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast were evidently extremely sensitive towards the smell. Their blood-red eyes were locked onto Lin Dong's body as all of them chased after him.

Within the campsite and its surroundings, several people were staring at this scene. When they saw that Lin Dong had actually volunteered to lure away those five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast by himself, shock filled their eyes. Everyone knew that it was very difficult for anyone to survive a fight against those five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast alone, not to mention the overwhelming demonic horde that was also around, hence, most people assumed that Lin Dong was going to die.

“Brother Lin Dong, don't worry. If anything happens to you, I will make sure Jin Mu and Hai Sha join you in hell!” Mo Tei's body gently trembled as he stared at the figure that was disappearing deep into the demonic horde, while his expression turned

extremely ugly. Lin Dong's actions caused even his heart to shudder.

Right now, Tang Xuan and Liu Xuan's expression were extremely grim. As they glanced at Jin Mu's direction, a deep hatred filled their eyes.

The ones who could come to the ancient battlefield were no pushovers. Therefore, Jin Mu's actions today definitely enraged them.

“Ha, such a touching sight...”

In the distance, Jin Mu chuckled venomously when he saw this sight while offhandedly remarking, “I am afraid you won't even find that fellow's corpse...”

“Such an ignorant brat. Who does he think he is? A Nirvana stage practitioner?” Hai Sha chuckled sinisterly. Lin Dong was obviously digging his own grave.

“It's a pity his Soul Treasures and martial arts will be gone. It is all wasted on him...”

Jin Mu stretched his back, while his eyes glanced at the direction where Lin Dong had disappeared, before mumbling to himself, “You are still too young to fight with me. It's a pity, you won't ever have that chance...”

Chapter 434: Harvest

Dong!

Amidst that blood-red demonic horde, a figure violently flashed by, before his vicious shockwind directly blew away all the demonic beasts in his way. Meanwhile, while his body moved, he continuously turned to look behind him.

That figure was naturally Lin Dong, who had volunteered to lure away the five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts. Right now, he had finally left the battle arena. However, everywhere he turned to look, he still saw endless demonic beasts. Therefore, one can only imagine just how terrifying this demonic horde was.

“Five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts. It is a pretty good haul.”

Lin Dong’s eyes turned to glance at that five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts that were approaching him. However, the words that he softly muttered were enough to shock several people to death. After all, even a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner would die if he was being chased by those five powerful demonic beasts.

Of course, there was a reason why Lin Dong was brimming with confidence. Right now, he could rely on his Blood Soul Puppet that he had successfully subdued.

He was not one to take outlandish risk and the reasons why he

volunteered to lure away those five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts was because he wanted to break the siege, and also because he wanted to obtain the demonic crystals inside these five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts.

Lin Dong was currently at advanced Manifestation stage. However, after training over these past few days, he had improved as well. Therefore, those demonic crystals filled with Nirvana Qi were precisely what he needed now. Since Jin Mu and the rest delivered such a lavish gift to his doorstep, there was no reason for him to reject it.

“Growl!”

Just as this thought flashed across Lin Dong’s mind, growls filled with a bloody stench suddenly echoed out from behind him. Following which, his figure flashed before he directly evaded a gooey and corrosive liquid. Then, his body hovered in mid-air while he stared at those five enraged half-step-to Nirvana demonic beasts. As they chased after him, the surrounding demonic horde had unknowingly dispersed and created an empty circle around him.

Lin Dong glanced at those five demonic beasts, before he took a glimpse at a distance behind him. This was quite far away from the battlefield and he no longer saw any other people. This was exactly the type of environment that Lin Dong needed.

Blood Soul Puppet was a lethal weapon in his arsenal. However, he did not want to reveal its existence in front of the crowd. Therefore, he chose not to summon it immediately when Hai Sha

lured the demonic beasts to his campsite. Instead, he decided to spend a considerable amount of effort in order to lure those demonic beasts far away...

“I am curious to find out just how powerful the Blood Soul Puppet is.”

Lin Dong’s eyes burned fervently. Promptly, with a flick of his hand, a red flash shot out from within his palm, before it immediately transformed into a fiery-red figure.

Right now, the Blood Soul Puppet was no longer filled with a shocking potent killing aura. At the same time, its blood-red body, which sent chills down one’s spine, had changed into a fiery-red color. Meanwhile, there was a liquid flowing beneath its skin and it looked quite peculiar.

Even though there was a change in its appearance, when that Blood Soul Puppet appeared, it still carried an extremely formidable shockwave. This shockwave faintly appeared and when Lin Dong sensed that shockwave, even he involuntarily swallowed his tongue. After all, he understood that based on his current strength, if he fought against the Blood Soul Puppet, he would probably be defeated in less than ten bouts.

“Growl!”

When that Blood Soul Puppet appeared, it was as if the five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts detected danger, as a tinge of uncertainty and fear flashed across their agitated blood-red eyes.

“Go.”

However, right now, Lin Dong evidently did not plan to give them any opportunity to escape. After he had ran for so long to lure those fellows over here, how could he allow them to escape. Immediately, he jutted his finger out before a command echoed out from his mouth.

The instant his command sounded out, a fearsome glint suddenly flashed across the eyes of that Blood Soul Puppet, which had been hovering in mid-air just like a statue. Then, its body moved before it immediately dashed towards those five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts.

When they saw that Blood Soul Puppet charging towards them, the five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts quickly retreated, just as if they had detected how powerful the Blood Soul Puppet was.

Right now, their speed was definitely incomparable to the Blood Soul Puppet. Therefore, in the blink of an eye, that Blood Soul Puppet appeared in front of those five demonic beasts. As it waved its bloody fists, an indescribable force emerged in mid-air, before it viciously slammed against a demonic beast.

Bang!

A bloody mist erupted from that demonic beast's body. Then, Lin Dong was shocked to see that large demonic beasts being blown in

half by that Blood Soul Puppet's punch, before it fell on the ground with a loud thud.

An instant kill with one punch alone!

Rip.

At this moment, even Lin Dong involuntarily sucked in a breath of cold air. After all, in order for him to handle a half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beast, he must utilize powerful martial arts and use his lethal Heavenly Bone Crocodile spear in order to kill it. However, right now, the Blood Soul Puppet was able to blast that powerful demonic beast apart with a single punch.

“Growl!”

The four remaining demonic beasts were enraged by the Blood Soul Puppet. Immediately, the red hue in their eyes intensified. Meanwhile, a shockwave that was powerful enough to obliterate mountains rained down on that Blood Soul Puppet.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Since the Blood Soul Puppet was able to rival a Nirvana stage practitioner, the four demonic beast's combined counter attack could do little against it. In merely a dozen bouts, under Lin Dong's bewildered stares, those four half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts were completely blown apart.

A bloody mist spread out and all the surrounding demonic beasts were so stunned by this sight that they no longer dared to charge forth.

“So powerful!” The shock in Lin Dong’s eyes quickly vanished before it was replaced with delight. Then, he waved his palm, before the five demonic crystals inside the five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts all landed up in Lin Dong’s hand.

Buzz! Buzz!

Once the demonic crystals reached his hand, Lin Dong activated his Devouring Force before he unceremoniously devoured them. Instant, rich streams of Nirvana Qi gushed out before it coursed through Lin Dong’s body and caused the Yuan Qi in his Dantian to strengthen.

“At this rate, I should be able to reach peak Manifestation stage soon.” Lin Dong muttered to himself when he sensed the Yuan Power flowing in his Dantian as well as the burning sensation in his body. These five demonic crystals are practically equivalent to several thousand Nirvana Pills. Therefore, by swallowing them in one gulp, it was naturally extremely beneficial for him.

“There should be other half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts within the demonic horde. Since you have already came out, you should make use of this opportunity to finish them off. I believe it will help you to break through to peak Manifestation stage.” Little Marten appeared at this moment. After it glanced at the stationary Blood Soul Puppet hovering in mid-air, it spoke with a smile.

“That is exactly my plan.”

Lin Dong gently smiled. There are countless demonic beasts in the demonic horde and there should be several half-step-to Nirvana stage beasts within. Originally, if Lin Dong wanted to kill them, it would require a considerable amount of effort in order to locate them. However, right now, without deliberately searching for them, they showed up in front of him. Therefore, how could he give up such an opportunity?

“Let’s go!”

Lin Dong was a decisive man. Since he possessed the Devouring Cortical, he had no need to fear the suppressive effects of nightfall. Furthermore, he had the protection of his Blood Soul Puppet and even if he met a Nirvana stage demonic beast, he could escape safely. Moreover, those powerful demonic beasts should be located deep within the mountain range and since they possessed strong intellect, they would not appear easily.

Lin Dong waved his sleeves, before that Blood Soul Puppet once again flew into his sleeves. Following which, his figure dashed out before he ran towards another direction.

The demonic horde in Thunder Granite Mountain Range is extremely massive. Therefore, as he travelled, Little Marten helped him as well and gave off an aura which enveloped Lin Dong. This helped to prevent other demonic beasts from attacking him.

Thanks to its protection, in the following time, Lin Dong could dedicate all his efforts on finding half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts. Therefore, he had a pretty good harvest.

Thanks to the presence of the demonic horde, in merely three hours' time, he had found a total of twenty half-step-to Nirvana demonic beasts. These demonic beasts were spread out across the demonic horde and they did not travel deep into the ancient battlefield. This turned out to be helpful for Lin Dong.

Thanks to the powerful might of his Blood Soul Puppet, these half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts, which many people were wary of, were all completely reduced into demonic crystals after a meaningless struggle, before they landed into Lin Dong's hands...

As a fearsome battle took place between man and beast, no one expected that there would be a phantom-like figure freely roaming around, before he completely picked off all the powerful half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts, just like he was harvesting wheat.

The massive battle raged on in the middle of the mountain range and the fearsome battle finally showed signs of ending only when nightfall gradually faded.

Lin Dong sat quietly on top of a large tree in the middle of the forest. As he lowered his head and turned to look at that retreating demonic horde, a smile emerged on his face. Then, he flipped his palm, before twenty palm-sized fiery-red demonic crystals hovered in front of him.

When this large number of demonic crystals appeared together, a rich Nirvana Qi instantly emerged and caused Lin Dong's eyes to burn fervently.

With these demonic crystals, his strength would surge once again!

Chapter 435: Another Upgrade

Lin Dong sat in the middle of the lush woods. This area was fairly secluded, plus with Little Marten concealing his presence, he did not have worry about being detected by other people or Demonic Beasts.

Several fist-sized scarlet red Demonic Crystals hovered in front of Lin Dong like resplendent rubies. Within these Demonic Crystals, streams of rich Nirvana Qi stealthily flowed. In fact, it even caused the surrounded air to turn scorching.

The amount of Nirvana Qi within a half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Crystal was equivalent to several hundred Nirvana Pills. Therefore, the amount of Nirvana Qi contained within these twenty Demonic Crystals reached a truly terrifying extent.

Everyone in the ancient battlefield knew the importance of Nirvana Qi. Therefore, everyone coveted these Demonic Crystals which contained potent Nirvana Qi. However, though they coveted it, not everyone had a Blood Soul Puppet as an helper. Therefore, if they wanted to handle a half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beast, even if there were at the same cultivation level, it would be no easy feat to kill them, not to mention, killing twenty of them in several hours like what Lin Dong did. If news of this matter got out, everyone would probably be shocked out of their wits...

Lin Dong gently gripped his hands, before a black hole emerged from his palms and completely enveloped those twenty Demonic Crystals. Instantly, a Devouring Force gushed forth just like a tidal wave.

Just as the Devouring Force enveloped these Demonic Crystals, the Nirvana Qi within these Demonic Crystals was quickly refined before they transformed into a fiery stream of energy and continuously gushed into Lin Dong's body.

Woosh. Swoosh.

Streams of potent Nirvana Qi coursed through Lin Dong's entire body just like tidal waves. At the same time, a soft and crisp noise actually sounded out. This was the first time since Lin Dong entered the ancient battle, that he got to enjoy such a potent Nirvana Qi. Even though he had ten of thousands of Nirvana Pills, he did not use them to master Lesser Nirvana Golden Body, but instead used them to refine his Blood Soul Puppet. Therefore, it had little impact on his Yuan Power cultivation.

That black hole slowly swirled and the Devouring Force was just like a millstone as it slowly refined the Demonic Crystals within. Then, it completely devoured all the Nirvana Qi contained within.

Right now, this clearly showcased the power of the Ancestral Devouring Symbol. If it was an ordinary individual, it would take quite a long time in order for him to absorb a single Demonic Crystal. However, Lin Dong was able to shorten the process by several times...

Streams of potent Nirvana Qi continuously gushed out from the black hole, before they flowed into Lin Dong's body. Meanwhile, the aura undulated on his body gradually became more powerful.

Little Marten sat on Lin Dong's shoulder, while a dark-purple glow stealthily flowed out and transformed into a protective screen which wrapped around Lin Dong, and prevented any disturbances from the outside world.

Lin Dong trained for around one hour. Deep within the woods, when the dark night sky slowly faded away, Lin Dong's tightly shut eyes slowly opened up.

Buzz!

The instant he opened his eyes, a bright glint tore through the darkness and flashed across Lin Dong's eyes. It was a fairly sharp glint.

Huff!

Lin Dong solemnly exhaled a puff of white air. Meanwhile, surrounding him, a powerful Yuan Power vibration flowed. That vibration was far more powerful than before.

Peak Manifestation stage!

Relying on these twenty six Demonic Crystals that he had obtained tonight, Lin Dong's strength had surged again and he had advanced to peak Manifestation stage!

Furthermore, the peculiar golden flow flowing beneath Lin Dong's skin had intensified. Evidently, those twenty six half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Crystal not only allowed his strength to surge, but they also improved his Lesser Nirvana Golden Body.

As he felt the surging Yuan Power inside his body, a gentle smile emerged on Lin Dong's face. However, he promptly furrowed his brows. As his strength surged, the distance away from Nirvana stage had narrowed down. However, he still lacked the required amount of Nirvana Pills.

“For this trip to Thunder Granite Valley, let's hope that I will reap a bountiful harvest.”

Lin Dong muttered himself, before he stood up and cast his eyes towards the distant horizon. Promptly, a venomous glint flashed across his eyes. Once he returned, he must finish off Jin Mu. He was no kind hearted buddha and he knew that there was only one way to deal with a person like him.

Kill!

A killing aura flashed across Lin Dong's face. Promptly, his figure flashed before he leapt out of the lush woodlands. Just as he was about to head back, his expression suddenly changed before he turned to look at a distant mountain peak.

“Did you sense it as well?” Lin Dong stared at that blurry mountain peak, that was obscured by nightfall, before he softly turned to Little Marten and said.

Little Marten's eyes narrowed as it stared at that mountain peak. Promptly, a dark purple glow suddenly shot out from its eyes. Those dark purple glow stealthily flashed across the night sky. Moments later, they returned. However, this time around, they actually formed into a glowing screen in front of Lin Dong.

Reflected on the glowing screen, was a clear image of the mountain peak. When he saw Little Marten's trick, Lin Dong was stunned as well. Promptly, his eyes were locked on that glowing screen. That was because he actually saw several figures seated quietly on top of that mountain peak.

Those men sat quietly on top of the mountain peak and they did not give off any traces of noise or vibration. From their bodies, Lin Dong could sense a fairly formidable aura. In fact, it seems there was at least a dozen half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners!

"Which faction are they from? They have actually concealed themselves in that spot." Awe filled Lin Dong's eyes. Their Yang City troops were all surrounded by the demonic horde. However, he never expected that there was actually a mysterious group behind them.

"They should be members from a high-grade empire that were attracted by the mysterious ancient key." Little Marten slowly said.

"High-grade empire?" Lin Dong's heart shuddered. It seems like the rumours are indeed true and there are high-grade empires that

were attracted by the mysterious ancient key.

“Since it is a high-grade empire, there should be a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner?” Lin Dong’s eyes stared attentively at the glowing screen. He was curious to find out just how powerful such a demon would be.

Just as Lin Dong’s eyes swept across the glowing screen, moments later, his eyes finally stopped at the central spot of the glowing screen. On top of that mountain peak, there was a man dressed in black quietly seated down. Though that man gave off the lightest aura, it was not a sign of weakness, but rather humility.

Based on his superior Mental Energy, Lin Dong was able to detect that beneath that obscure aura, there was a terrifying strength flowing below.

“You have good eyesight...” Standing aside, Little Marten casually smiled. Evidently, it was surprised that Lin Dong was able to this quickly discover the hidden Nirvana stage practitioner.

Lin Dong’s eyes were locked onto that man dressed in black. Though that man’s face was blurry, he should not be too old. One truly wonders how powerful he is.

“Let’s go. This trip to the Thunder Granite Valley is a fairly interesting one. Even high-grade empires have come along. I wonder if they are the only ones in this vast mountain range...”

After staring for a while, Lin Dong gently smiled. Without further ado, his figure flashed before he floated off and swiftly disappeared into the darkness.

Just as Lin Dong disappeared, at a distant mountain peak, a man dressed in black, who sat on a large green rock suddenly opened his eyes. His calm yet sharp eyes stared at the spot where Lin Dong had disappeared, before he gently furrowed his brows. Promptly, he muttered to himself: “Am I mistaken...”

“Big Senior, the demonic horde has retreated and the troops from Yang City have suffered quite severe casualties. Haha, they have spared us a lot of trouble by helping us handle the demonic horde.” Just as that man dressed in black opened his eyes, behind him, another man spoke respectfully.

“Yes, though they are many men from Yang City, they are fighting for their own sake. Therefore, they hardly amount to anything. This time around, our real opponents are not them...” That man dressed in black gently nodded his head before he calmly said.

“Send my word down, when the sun rises, we must make haste. Before nightfall, we must arrive at Thunder Granite Valley!”

“Yes!”

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Deep inside the mountain range, a vast plain was in tatters, while fresh-blood dyed the ground red. Meanwhile, countless Demonic Beast corpse piled up, while some human corpses were littered around as well.

This demonic horde caused the men from Yang City to suffer severe casualties. Nonetheless, they were still thankful that they managed to survive.

On the tattered ground, the remaining men began to reorganize themselves. For a while, this area was fairly chaotic.

“Jin Mu, Hai Sha, you two bastards get out now!”

Amidst that chaotic environment, an enraged roar suddenly sounded out. Then, several pairs of eyes turned to look, only to see Mo Tei and the rest charging angrily towards Jin Mu’s campsite.

Most people understood why Mo Tei was angry. After all, anyone who got backstabbed would naturally feel outraged.

Mo Tei, Tang Xuan and the rest were grim as they stood outside of Jin Mu’s campsite. Meanwhile, they could barely hide the rage in their eyes.

“Haha what about it? After these few days, don’t tell me you regard that kid as your bosom friend? That doesn’t fit your reputation, Mo Tei...” Jin Mu stared at a grim Mo Tei while he casually chuckled.

“This old man may not be a kind-hearted man, however I understand the meaning of gratitude and revenge. Since this old man has promised Lin Dong, if anything happens to him tonight, I will make you join him in the afterlife!” Mo Tei’s tone was extremely venomous and he looked just like he was about to devour him. It seems like Jin Mu’s actions have truly pissed him off.

“With just the three of you?” Jin Mu smirked, while a disdainful look was plastered on his face. After all, there were five half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners on their side, while there were only three on Mo Tei’s side.

“Mo Tei, on account of the fact that we know one another, let me advise you. Even if that guy is dead, let it go. After all, it doesn’t affect the both of us. However, if you continue to press this matter, don’t blame me for being a cruel man...”

When he heard Jin Mu’s words, Mo Tei’s expression turned cold immediately.

“Pfft, it seems like you are truly hoping that I would be killed by those Demonic Beasts? Why? Are you afraid I will come back for revenge?”

Just as Mo Tei was unable to suppress the killing intent in his heart, a soft chuckle sounded out from a distance away. Then, under the bewildered stares of the crowd, a figure flashed by, before it appeared beside Mo Tei and the rest.

When they saw that figure suddenly appear, the chaotic domain instantly quieted down. From their expressions, it was as if they had just saw a ghost...

Chapter 436: Collecting A Debt

The chaotic and tattered mountain range descended into silence immediately. Everyone stared in bewilderment at that man which had appeared next to Mo Tei.

None of them had expected that Lin Dong could actually survive after being hunted down by five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts...

Those were five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts. Everyone in the battlefield and even those half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners' expressions changed. That was because everyone knew that if they were in his shoes, there was no way they could return safely. However, right now, Lin Dong not only managed to shake off those five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts, he was even able to return safely.

The shock caused by this sight was not a small one.

The first ones to recover their senses were Mo Ling and the rest. They were the ones who knew Lin Dong best. Even though they were slightly worried when Lin Dong volunteered to lure away those five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts, they did not despair like the rest. That was because they knew that Lin Dong took risks that he was confident in. Since he volunteered himself, it indicated that he had the ability to tackle the problem.

Therefore, when they saw Lin Dong resurface, delight surged into their faces. However, they were not stunned like the rest...

“You...”

While Mo Ling and the rest celebrated in delight, Mo Tei and the rest finally recovered their senses. As they stared at Lin Dong, it looked as if their eyes were about to pop out. After stuttering for a long while, they were still unable to mutter a complete sentence and they looked extremely slick and comical.

“Oh my god. That fellow is actually alive!”

“What dog shit luck is this? After being chased by five half-step-to Nirvana stage demonic beasts and jumping right into the demonic horde, he is still able to survive. That kid is truly blessed by the Heavens.”

“Hehe, it seems like Jin Mu’s plan has failed. Someone has returned to collect a debt...”

“That remains to be seen. There are five half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner on Jin Mu’s side and based on my intel, they are far more powerful than Mo Tei and the rest. Furthermore, it is reputed that Hai Sha is related to the Ling Yuan empire. Therefore, this is a tough debt to collect.”

Amidst the whispers from the crowd, Jin Mu’s originally bewildered expression turned grim. As he stared venomously at Lin Dong, he chuckled: “What a lucky kid. I can’t even kill you after that.”

Standing beside Jin Mu, Hai Sha tightly furrowed his brows as he stared at Lin Dong. Moments later, he softly said: “It’s a good thing he is alive. I was worried that if he died inside the demonic horde, we would lose his Soul Treasures...”

Even though Lin Dong’s appearance shocked him, he was not too worried. After all, they were five half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners on their side. Therefore, were they afraid that Lin Dong could overrun them?

“Brother Lin Dong, you are going to be the death of me.” Right now, Mo Tei had calmed himself down. Promptly, he walked over to Lin Dong before he softly said: “So, what do you plan to do now?”

Mo Tei’s words evidently indicated that he was asking for Lin Dong’s opinion. Even though he barely knew the latter, he knew that he was not a man to be taken advantage of. Furthermore, Jin Mu and Hai Sha’s actions tonight were simply too despicable.

However, even though he was outraged, after calming down, he began to calculate the difference between their side. After glancing at those five-half-step to Nirvana stage practitioners, he finally concluded that their were indeed more powerful than them.

When he heard Mo Tei’s words, Lin Dong’s slightly icy-cold eyes gently swept across Jin Mu and the rest, while a killing aura faintly emerged. With regards to Jin Mu, he had reached his boiling point. After all, he did not want to have an enemy by his side secretly

awaiting to backstab him. He did not want to experience again what he did tonight. Therefore...

Tonight, Jin Mu must die!

When he saw the killing intent flowing in Lin Dong's eyes, Mo Tei's pupils gently shrunk. Promptly, he knew that there was no way to peacefully conclude the night.

"Pfft, Lin Dong, since you are lucky enough to survive, you should treasure your life. Don't dream of making any stupid moves as it will only result in your own death!" Jin Mu also detected the killing intent in Lin Dong's eyes. Immediately, his eyes turned cold as he coldly shouted out.

Lin Dong's face was calm and he did not reply. Then, he took a step forward before his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear immediately appeared in his hand. Meanwhile, his killing intent finally gushed forth and alerted everyone to his intentions.

Gush. Swoosh. Swoosh.

Everyone nearby immediately retreated and left a large circle between them. Everyone knew that there was going to be another earth-shattering battle tonight.

"Lin Dong, since you insist on digging your own grave, don't blame us!" A formidable cold glint flashed in Jin Mu's eyes. Standing beside him, Hai Sha and the three other half-step-to

Nirvana stage practitioners also took a step forward. Instantly, five powerful auras erupted forth and it was shocking enough to cause one's expression to change.

“Bullying others using your superior numbers. Do you really believe that we are afraid of you!” Mo Tei coldly snorted, before he brought along the Tang Xuan duo and walked out. They had no intention of backing down.

When Mo Tei and the rest made their move, the atmosphere in the battlefield instantly turned tense.

“Mo Ling, have you guys mastered the formation that I taught you?” When he saw this sight, Lin Dong suddenly tilted his head and turned to Mo Ling and the rest and said.

“Even though we cannot defeat a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, we can hold one of them down.” When he heard his words, Mo Ling and the rest instantly replied eagerly. They were eager to test out just how powerful the formation was.

“Leave Jin Mu to me. The three of you can handle one of them.”

Brother Mo Tei, please help me to take care of the other three. I will finish Jin Mu off quickly.” Lin Dong turned to Mo Tei and the two of them, before he said.

“You wish to fight against Jin Mu by yourself?” When he heard his words, Tang Xuan was slightly stunned. However, as she

recalled Lin Dong's past performance, she gradually nodded her head.

“In that case, let's... go!”

When that final word left Lin Dong's mouth, that tense atmosphere instantly exploded. Behind him, a figure directly transformed into a black shadow. Then, formidable bone shadows transformed into a flowery spear dance as it swept towards Jin Mu.

“I was caught off guard the previous time. Do you really believe that you can accomplish the same result as before?!”

When he saw Lin Dong charging towards him, Jin Mu's coldly shouted out, before a formidable Yuan Power shockwave swept forth from within his body. Then, he directly clashed against Lin Dong.

When that savage Yuan Power shockwind swept forth, a cold glint flashed across Mo Ling, Mo Tei and the rest's eyes. Promptly, their figures flashed before they managed to completely intercept Hai Sha and the three other half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

After previously experiencing a massive battle, another violent commotion erupted in the mountain range. As they stared at that fearsome fight, troops from the other factions quickly retreated.

However, while they were observing the fight, even though they were extremely outraged by Jin Mu's actions, it had to be said that Mo Tei's faction was indeed at a disadvantage. After all, Jin Mu's side had five genuine half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners...

“Ding Ding Dang Dang!”

Formidable spear shadows filled with a icy-cold aura, flew at a peculiar trajectory towards Jin Mu's vital points. Meanwhile, the latter obviously knew the might of Lin Dong's bone spear, as his feet executed a mysterious footsteps. At the same time, flames lit up on the fiery-red steel rod in his hand, as he countered against that spear dance.

“Pfft, Lin Dong. Your three peak Manifestation followers actually dare to fight against a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner. You must be hoping that they can hold them off for a while? However, you must be dreaming. After my ally finishes them off, it will be your turn next!”

A spear and rod mixed with savage Yuan Power continuously crossed blows in mid-air, while Jin Mu pushed all the Yuan Power in his body till his limit. Since he knew that Lin Dong was a tricky opponent, he had no intention of defeating him. As long as he could stall him and wait for his half-step-to Nirvana stage allies to assist him, they could surround Lin Dong and easily slaughter him.

“Before they fall, you will be a dead man!”

A venomous smile suddenly emerged on Lin Dong's face.

Promptly, a resplendent golden glow erupted on Lin Dong's skin. As that golden glow flowed, an extremely terrifying energy erupted forth just like a volcano.

An energy tattoo swiftly extended across Lin Dong's body. When he sensed that vibration, Jin Mu's pupils suddenly shrunk. That was because he realized that compared to their previous encounter, Lin Dong had actually grown much stronger!

While the golden glow flowed, Lin Dong's entire body seemed to have transformed into a golden flash. Meanwhile, the Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear in his hand was wrapped by a layer of gold.

After advancing to peak Manifestation stage, Lin Dong's Lesser Nirvana Golden Body had improved once again. Even though he had not reached complete mastery, he had a pretty decent mastery of it!

“Swoosh!”

Lin Dong's body seeming transformed into a golden glow. Men and spear fused together in that golden glow. Soon after, that golden glow tore through the horizons at a terrifying rate, just like a golden shooting star flashing across the night sky. With a formidable force, it charged towards Jin Mu.

That commotion immediately drew the attention from everyone in the battlefield. As they sensed that terrifying vibration undulated on that golden glow, even some Nirvana stage practitioners' expressions turned grim. After all, they could smell a

potent deadly scent emerging from within.

“Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle!”

Every hair on Jin Mu’s body stood up. He could sense just how powerful Lin Dong’s killing move was. Immediately, he did not dare to be negligent at all as he directly executed his most powerful martial arts.

A giant glowing elephant materialized before it wrapped around Jin Mu. With an aura that could shock the heavens, it charged towards that golden glow.

The air in the horizons trembled. Nobody had expected that the battle would heat up this quickly. In fact, even Mo Tei, Hai Sha and the rest involuntarily turned to look at that sight.

“Boom!”

An earth-shattering collision finally occurred under the stares of the crowd. Then, the crowd immediately saw that golden glow shrink instantly, before all the energy was concentrated on the tip of a golden spear.

“Might Of Golden Body, Break!”

A deep roar rumbled forth, while the resplendent golden glow on the tip of that spear seemingly tore through the night sky.

“Bang!”

A resplendent golden glow was reflected in everyone’s pupils. Thanks to that flowing golden glow, it instantly tore apart that incoming large glowing elephant...

“Buzz Chhh!”

That large glowing elephant was instantly ripped savagely apart. Meanwhile, Jin Mu, who was located within, stared at that golden glow that was rapidly growing in his eyes, while thick fear finally flowed in his eyes.

Chapter 437: Killing Jin Mu

In the face of that golden light, the dazzling and radiant giant elephant was as weak as tofu. The golden spear swept pass as the giant elephant immediately crumbled.

When the giant elephant crumbled, the one hidden within it, Jin Mu, was subsequently exposed to the formidable spear attack. Immediately, horror arose on his face.

They had fought once previously and Jin Mu was clearly aware just how powerful Lin Dong was. Hence, Jin Mu did not hold back at all in this battle and he immediately fought with his full strength. From what he understood, Lin Dong's power mostly stemmed from his formidable martial art and as long as he did not use that powerful martial art, he would not be able to contend against him. Of course, the final outcome once again made Jin Mu understand that he was perhaps a little too naive.

Lin Dong had merely used the bone spear in his hands and he did not execute any formidable martial arts like the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger. Yet, in the end, Jin Mu's Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle had been easily destroyed!

The might of the physical enhancing martial art, the Lesser Nirvana Golden Body, had finally been gradually revealed.

“Ch!”

Under countless astonished gazes, Lin Dong's eyes were icy-cold,

while the golden spear in his hand did not slow down at all as it mercilessly flew towards the a vulnerable Jin Mu. His spear danced in the wind and it was truly a ferocious sight.

“Radiant Mysterious Cover!”

At this moment, Jin Mu smelled the thick scent of death. He knew that if Lin Dong’s attack landed on his body, he would not get off easy even if he managed to survived. Immediately, a vicious look flitted across his eyes as his body jerked. Yuan Power burst out of his body without any restraint, forming into an extremely thick light screen outside his body.

The light screen was as clear as crystal and gave off a solid sense of safety.

When the light screen took shape, a golden spear flew over like a flaring golden dragon. Under the stares from the crowd, the golden spear viciously smashed into the light screen.

“Bang!”

The light screen trembled violently, while cracks rapidly extended outwards. Standing inside, a deathly pale look surfaced on Jin Mu’s face. He was truly unable to comprehend how Lin Dong’s battle power had soared so much in a few short days!

“Explode!”

An icy-cold voice sounded out from Lin Dong's mouth. Soon after, the dazzling light screen instantly exploded as a ferocious force slammed into Jin Mu's body, immediately causing him to spit out a mouthful of fresh blood, while his body shot backwards like a broken kite.

“Crash.”

When they saw Jin Mu's sorry figure, the entire area burst into an uproar. Astonished gazes turned towards Lin Dong's figure. Although some of the people here had heard of Lin Dong's fight with Jin Mu in Yang City, a clear victor had not been decided at that time. Yet, the scene today made them understand exactly who was victor and loser amongst the two of them.

Hai Sha and the other three who were fighting with Mo Tie and the rest, were likewise given a vicious blow to their hearts. Soon after, their expressions fluctuated a little. They originally thought that even if Lin Dong was able to contend against a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner, he would at most draw against Jin Mu. Yet, the scene before them had surpassed their expectations.

In mid-air, Lin Dong apathetically gazed at Jin Mu as he vomited blood and retreated, while the killing intent in the former's eyes did not weaken the slightest. Lin Dong had already made up his mind tonight. He did not plan on merely injuring Jin Mu, but truly getting rid of this troublemaker!

Previously, he had restrained himself, yet, this only resulted in the unexpected disaster tonight. If Lin Dong still allowed Jin Mu to live, there would definitely be trouble later on. This was

something that someone like Lin Dong definitely could not accept.

Hence, after blowing back Jin Mu's figure, Lin Dong's body once again dashed forward. In a flash, he appeared in front of the Jin Mu, whose aura was currently unsteady. The deadly spear in Lin Dong's hand tore apart the night sky and viciously thrust towards Jin Mu's chest.

"Lin Dong, you dare!" Jin Mu was startled by Lin Dong's actions as he quickly shouted out in a stern voice.

"Swish!"

Just as his words left his mouth, the deadly arriving force carved bloody lines on his face. At this moment, he completely came to terms with reality. Lin Dong was truly going to kill him.

The threat of death enveloped Jin Mu's heart. However, he was still a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner. With a flick of his mind, he activated his skin-tight inner armor Soul Treasure and a circle of faint red light immediately spread out.

Nonetheless, he had underestimated the speed of Lin Dong's attack this time. His peak Manifestation strength combined with his upgraded Lesser Nirvana Golden Body had caused his battle power to surge several times. Thus, before the circle of red light could completely spread out and materialize, a golden flash pierced through like lightning before ruthlessly landing on Jin Mu's chest.

Tear!

The muffled sound of the spear tip entering flesh stealthily sounded out, causing the surrounding areas to instantly lapse into a deathly silence.

The bone spear had penetrated through Jin Mu's chest. When it emerged from his back, fresh blood gushed out like a fountain, while Jin Mu's body stiffened.

"In your next life, think about the consequences before carrying out any evil deeds."

Lin Dong coldly gazed at Jin Mu while blood continuously flowed out from his mouth. The former viciously jerked the bone spear, causing Jin Mu to heavily slam onto the ground. Meanwhile, a faint bones breaking sound echoed out.

The originally chaotic scene was now deathly silent. Countless pairs of eyes continuously turned towards Jin Mu, who struggled a little before completely turning rigid, and everyone could not help but firmly swallow a mouthful of spit. They were truly unable to imagine that Jin Mu had actually died in such a manner at that fellow's hands. Such overwhelming battle power and viciousness. Then, their gazes simultaneously turned from different angles towards the figure hovering in mid-air. At this juncture, the pity and contempt from before had now quietly ceased to exist.

Jin Mu's death had likewise quenched the fire of battle for both sides. Mo Tie and the rest looked at Jin Mu's corpse and

swallowed; it was difficult to describe the shock in their hearts.

Meanwhile, Hai Sha and the other three watched this scene with grim expressions. Moments later, the other three excluding Hai Sha suddenly backed away while fearfully looking towards Lin Dong, “Friend, we did not interfere at all in the matter from before, and will no longer have anything to do with it.” Once these words were said, they immediately showed made their position clear. Jin Mu had already died and there was clearly no point for them to do anything more. They were not fools and would not offend the shockingly powerful Lin Dong over a dead Jin Mu.

When he heard their words, Hai Sha’s originally grim expression became even uglier. Both himself and Jin Mu were the main instigators of tonight’s matter, and he had even drawn the Demonic Beasts over. Those three could back away from this matter but he would perhaps face some difficulty.

At this time, the time was nearing dawn. Faint rays of light shined down, causing the entire mountain range to become hazy. Lin Dong stood in the air and reached out his hand as a suction force sucked Jin Mu’s Qiankun bag into his hand. Lin Dong then turned his indifferent eyes to first look at the three fellows before slowly shifting towards Hai Sha.

“Lin Dong, what else do you plan on doing?!” Upon seeing Lin Dong look over, Hai Sha’s scalp turned somewhat numb. His strength was on par with Jin Mu, and since Lin Dong could kill Jin Mu, he would likewise be able to kill Hai Sha.

This matter caused regret to stealthily creep up in Hai Sha’s

heart. If he knew that Lin Dong was actually so ferocious, he would not have teamed up with Jin Mu.....

However, it was already too late for regrets. No matter what, there were many people watching and he could only stand firm.

“Go down and accompany him.”

Lin Dong’s voice was flat and emotionless. He was similarly rather disgusted with this Hai Sha, hence he did not plan to be merciful. His figure moved, appearing in the sky above Hai Sha as the bone spear thrust out. An extremely deadly force ripped through the air, viciously flying towards the latter’s head.

“Lin Dong, don’t go overboard!” When he saw Lin Dong once again attack with killing intent, Hai Sha furiously roared before hastily defending.

“Bang bang!” Golden light flashed. This time, Hai Sha finally understood why Jin Mu had lost so swiftly. Compared to a few days ago, Lin Dong strength had risen once again!

“Ding!”

Lin Dong’s bone spear heavily landed on the long sword in Hai Sha’s hands. Berserk power exploded like a volcano, directly jolting Hai Sha dozens of steps back. In the end, he somewhat raggedly steadied himself, but his face was a mix of green and red, displaying his embarrassment and fear.

When the surrounding people saw how ferocious Lin Dong was, their hearts shivered a little before they secretly resolved never to provoke such a character. Although his cultivation level was not high, his battle power and vengeful methods caused a chill to rise in their hearts.

“Swish!”

Golden light flowed in Lin Dong’s eyes, while flashes of gold flickered below Lin Dong’s skin. His figure moved as increasingly formidable attacks once again enveloped the Hai Sha who was starting to be overwhelmed.

Under Lin Dong’s attacks, Hai Sha was very quickly on the losing end. However, just as Lin Dong’s lightning quick spear was about to deal a fatal blow, an enormous force suddenly swept over from afar and forcibly pushed Lin Dong back several steps with a loud bang.

This sudden force caused Lin Dong’s expression to darken a little. Soon after, he lifted his head, only to find a figure floating over with the wind like a willow from a distance away, while a soft voice slowly echoed out in the area.

“My friend, to cut others some slack is to give yourself the leway in time of need. I hope that you will let this matter go on account of my Lingyun Empire.”

Chapter 438: Ling Zhi, Liu Yuan

Ling Yun Empire?!

When that calm voice spread across the entire area, several people's expressions gently changed. Promptly, they turned towards the figure who had appeared beside Hai Sha, their eyes full of fear.

That man was dressed in white and looked fairly handsome. There were cloud-like patterns sown on his clothes, while a gentle and casual smile hung on his face. In terms of mannerism and appearance, he was not bad at all. Of course, what caused everyone to be fearful of him were not these, but rather, the streams of powerful vibrations emitted by him the instant he appeared.

Compared to a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner like Hai Sha, the vibrations he gave off were much stronger!

Lin Dong's pupils shrunk a little when this person appeared. He could also sense just how powerful the white clothed man was...

"Lin Dong, that man is Ling Zhi from the Ling Yun Empire. It is reputed that once he accumulates sufficient Nirvana Pills, he can officially attack the Nirvana stage. Furthermore, the Ling Yun Empire is able to rival certain high rank empires and we cannot afford to offend them." Mo Tei's face turned solemn due to that man's appearance. Immediately, he approached Lin Dong and softly said.

Lin Dong remained expressionless. He also knew just how powerful the Lin Yun Empire was. However, that was not enough to make him feel a sense of respect like the rest. Though Ling Zhi was quite powerful, he was not a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner. Even if they really fought, Lin Dong had no reason to fear him.

“Brother Ling Zhi!”

When Hai Sha saw Ling Zhi appear, delight surfaced on his face. Before he could say anything, Ling Zhi casually waved his hand. He somewhat peculiarly stared at Lin Dong, before he gently smiled and said, “My friend, for the event that transpired tonight, it seems like Hai Sha may have been in the wrong. However, Jin Mu is the real mastermind. Now that you have killed him, you should have relieved your anger as well. How about we let go of this matter?”

Ling Zhi’s voice was rather conciliatory. Previously, he had witnessed how powerful Lin Dong was. Based on his current strength, in addition to the might of his Ling Yun Empire, Lin Dong was of little threat towards him. However, he did not want to make an additional enemy for no reason, especially at this juncture.

Therefore, if it were not for the fact that he and Hai Sha went way back, he would not have stepped in.

When the surrounding crowd heard Ling Zhi’s words, they were fairly stunned. They naturally knew of the Ling Yun Empire’s reputation. However, they never expected the latter to adopt such

a conciliatory tone.

Hai Sha's expression also fluctuated a little when he heard Ling Zhi's words. At first, he thought that Ling Zhi would avenge him. However, when he heard these words, he knew that Ling Zhi did not plan to offend Lin Dong. This fact caused him to feel somewhat disappointed. However, he naturally did not dare to reveal his true emotions.

Lin Dong was evidently surprised by Ling Zhi's conciliatory tone as well. At first, he thought that this man appeared in order to avenge Hai Sha. However, when he heard the latter's words, his facial expression softened. Though he did not fear Ling Zhi, he had a powerful Ling Yun Empire backing him. Therefore, he naturally did not want to offend such a powerful faction at this juncture. Immediately, he contemplated for a moment before he said, "Since the Ling Yun Empire has stepped in, I will naturally respect your wishes. I can forget about tonight's matter. However, let me say this first. If it happens again, perhaps..."

Lin Dong did not finish his sentence. However, the icy cold expression that he cast towards Hai Sha revealed the intention behind his words.

Hai Sha also understood this. Immediately, his expression changed as he felt somewhat disgruntled in his heart. This was the first time he was publicly threatened.

Nonetheless, though he felt disgruntled, he was still fairly shocked by the fact that Jin Mu was killed by Lin Dong. Therefore, even though he knew that Lin Dong's cultivation level was lower

than his, he did not dare to show any hostile intentions towards Lin Dong.

“Haha, it seems like I have managed to watch a good show tonight. Ling Zhi, it seems like your reputation is not as influential as you believe.” While Hai Sha was feeling disgruntled, a hearty laugh suddenly echoed out as the crowd watched several figures heading over.

“That is Liu Yuan from the Great Yuan Empire. Hehe, I never expected that such a person would be drawn over as well...”

When the crowd turned towards the incoming figures, a series of whispers immediately spread out. Everyone knew that the two most powerful empires in Yang City were the Ling Yun Empire and Great Yuan Empire...

Lin Dong's attention turned towards that man named Liu Yuan. He had the back of a tiger and the waist of a bear, an extremely muscular figure. His palms were as large as a bear and he gave off an extremely formidable and oppressive feeling. Besides, from the vibrations that faintly emerged on his body, he was evidently at the same cultivation level as Ling Zhi and once he accumulated sufficient Nirvana Pills, he would be able to officially attack Nirvana stage. Ling Zhi casually glanced at Liu Yuan. With his intelligence, he could obviously detect the inflammatory intent behind his words. Both parties were clearly at loggerheads and the latter evidently hoped that their rival, the Ling Yun Empire, would offend a tricky opponent. Of course, if he really followed Liu Yuan's wishes, he would not be called Ling Zhi.

“Liu Yuan, I do not need you to interfere in today’s matter. Whatever you say is meaningless and it will be better for you not to say anything.”

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After he spoke, Ling Zhi turned around and cupped his fists towards Lin Dong. Even though Lin Dong’s words caused an itch in his heart, he chose to turn around and leave. After all, the Ling Yun Empire was one of the top powers in Yang City and usually, whatever he said and regardless of which empire, he would hardly encountered an attitude like Lin Dong. However, though he felt somewhat displeased, based on Ling Zhi’s intelligence, he naturally would not reveal it.

“Pfft, what an arrogant kid. Why is Big Senior so courteous towards him!”

“Yes. After our Ling Yun Empire showed up, not only did he fail to apologize, he even dared to utter such words!”

After he turned around and walked off, some other elite Ling Yun Empire members involuntarily grumbled. They were the elites in Yang City and everyone had to respect them. However, Lin Dong’s attitude tonight caused them to feel slightly outraged.

“Lin Dong is merely at the advanced Manifestation stage, yet he is able to slaughter a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner. Can you do that?” Ling Zhi slowed down when he heard his subordinates words, his eyes narrowing as he casually asked.

When they heard his words, his subordinates were immediately at a loss for words.

“He is able to survive even after being hunted down by five half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts in the middle of the demonic horde. Can you accomplish that?”

The crowd was once again stunned. At the same time, the arrogance on their faces diminished. That was because they knew that none of them could do what Lin Dong had done.

“However, that does not mean that kid can act so arrogantly in front of Big Senior...” After a moment of silence, someone finally said.

“The reason why he acted in this fashion was because he had the qualifications to do so. There are two possible explanations behind why he did not treat me respectfully. The first is that he is a fool. Or, he possesses a trump card that allows him to not fear my Ling Yun Empire.” Ling Zhi’s hands were behind his back as he slowly explained.

The crowds were stunned again. The first explanation was naturally a joke and they instantly ruled it out. After all, they could not even accomplish what Lin Dong had done. If he was a fool, then what were they? In that case, there could only be one explanation...

When their thoughts reached this point, shock and suspicion

flashed across their eyes. It was very difficult for them to imagine that a kid from a low rank empire, that they looked down on, would actually possess a trump card that allowed him to have no fear of their Ling Yun Empire.

After glancing at Ling Zhi and the rest's departing figures, Lin Dong retracted his gaze. When he saw the bewildered stares from the crowd, he knew that in the following days, no one would dare to offend him.

“Haha, this friend is truly impressive tonight. My name is Liu Yuan and I come from the Great Yuan Empire.” Liu Yuan's eyes swept across Lin Dong's body, before he cupped his fists and bowed respectfully.

“Lin Dong.”

Lin Dong smiled. He knew that the Ling Yuan Empire and Great Yuan Empire were the top two factions in Yang City. In the past, he did not have the qualifications to befriend them. However, after tonight's events, they were now forced to treat him seriously. Based on Liu Yuan's smile, Lin Dong could sense that he wanted to befriend him.

After all, no matter where you were, strength was the most important thing.

In the following time, Liu Yuan conversed with Lin Dong for a short while, before he smiled and left.

“Hehe, Brother Lin Dong, you have a strong reputation now. Even the Ling Yun Empire and Great Yuan Empire are impressed by you.” When he saw Liu Yuan leave, Mo Tei smiled from the side as he enviously remarked.

Lin Dong smiled, not too delighted by this fact. Though these two empires may seem invincible in Mo Tei’s eyes, in his opinion, they were only alright. Therefore, he was not too surprised by Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan’s respectful attitude.

“Let’s reorganize ourselves. Once daybreak arrives, we will have to continue our journey.”

After tonight’s events, Lin Dong’s words had unknowingly gained weight in their group. Therefore, when they heard his words, Mo Tei, Tang Xuan and the rest smiled before they nodding their heads. Faintly, it seemed as if the nucleus of the group had shifted from Mo Tei to Lin Dong.

The muscular looking yet intuitive Mo Tei noticed this subtle change as well. However, he did not object to it. The charisma and strength that Lin Dong was enough for him to recognize that the latter deserved this position.

After a bloody night, sunlight finally broke through the darkness, signalling the end of the night. As they stared at the debris and corpses littered around and smelled the bloody stench in the air, several people felt like they had survived a disaster. However, this feeling was quickly washed away by a hopeful feeling, because everyone knew that today was the day they would reach the treasure abundant Thunder Granite Valley. Therefore, as long as

they could obtain a treasure from there, the risk this time would have paid off!

Chapter 439: Thunder Granite Valley

Warm sunlight poured down from the horizon before it illuminated the massive mountain range. Under the sunlight, various chaotic noises faintly sounded out. On closer inspection, one could see a large group of men and horses swiftly travelling across the mountain range and heading towards the deepest regions.

Those people were naturally the men from Yang City. After the raid by the demonic horde last night, their numbers had evidently fallen. Meanwhile, the remaining members were fairly skilled. Therefore, they gave off a fairly formidable aura.

Lin Dong's group was naturally among them. They did not choose to travel at the front and instead they chose the safer option and decided to stick around in the middle and follow behind that large group.

As that large group slowly travelled, even though they had already survived an attack by the demonic horde last night, as they travelled deeper into the Thunder Granite Mountain Range, the demonic beasts that appeared grew increasingly powerful. Therefore, this was no carefree journey for them as the demonic beasts that constantly leapt out caused several problems for them.

Lin Dong sat on Little Flame's back, while Mo Tei and the rest surrounded him just like fanboys. Meanwhile, there was no longer any signs of disdain in the elite Steel Empire practitioners' eyes. Instead, it was replaced by thick awe and respect. Lin Dong's actions last night have thoroughly impressed them.

“Brother Lin Dong, at our current rate, we should arrive at Thunder Granite Valley around afternoon.” Mo Tei laughed heartily as he said. His face was filled with smiles. Along the way, several envious stares were constantly cast towards them. It seems like they were envious that he managed to find such a powerful ally. When he saw their envious stares, Mo Tei evidently felt extremely pleased. This was because most of them came from other small empires that he had a grudge with.

Lin Dong nodded his head. However, his eyes did not focus in front of him, instead he constantly turned to look behind him. After he accidentally discovered that mysterious faction last night, he knew that this trip to the Thunder Granite Valley would not be a peaceful one. Even though there were several men from Yang City, they were widely dispersed and they fought for their own sake. Therefore, they hardly amount to anything.

Of course, Lin Dong was not the only one who was aware of this situation. Though many people understood it as well, it was a difficult matter to resolve.

In Yang City, there were various factions. Even though they were no genuine high-grade empires, they were several mid-grade empires. All of them were geniuses in their respective empires and it was impossible to make everyone submit with a wave of one's hand. In fact, even Ling Yun Empire and Great Yuan Empire could not accomplish such a feat.

If they met a genuine high-grade empire, this dispersed group would probably crumble immediately. In fact, if a Nirvana stage

practitioner appeared, it would probably cause several empires to crumble immediately.

Therefore, with so many powerful factions around, it would be quite difficult for Lin Dong to obtain the mysterious ancient key and Heavenly Symbol Spirit Tree.

“It is not going to be easy to obtain those treasures...” Lin Dong gently sighed as he muttered to himself.

Just as the men from Yang City quickly headed towards the Thunder Granite Valley, behind him, another large group of men stealthily flashed by. Compared to the chaotic Yang City members, they possessed strong discipline and teamwork, just as if they had been through intensive training. They were undoubtedly in a different class.

In the middle of that group, stood a man in black clothes, with his hands behind his back. His black hair swayed in the wind and he looked pretty suave. His footsteps flashed across mid-air without anything beneath supporting him, and it looked like he could sail across the sky. Compared to the rest who needed high trees as support, he looked much more suave.

Right now, if Lin Dong was around, he would realize that man in black robes was the Nirvana stage practitioner that he had discovered last night. Evidently, they were headed for the Thunder Granite Valley as well.

“Big Senior, we have discovered the Xuan Bing Empire’s tracks!”

Within that group, a figure suddenly appeared beside that man dressed in black robes, before he reported respectfully.

“Have they finally arrived?” When he heard those words, that man in black robes gently furrowed his brows. Promptly, he smiled casually before he said: “Those fellows have it in for us.”

“Every empire is now searching for all sorts of treasures in the ancient battlefield. During this time, those fellows have been constantly tailing us. Previously, when we discovered a treasure trove, we were forced to surrender a share to them. Truly outrageous!” Besides that man in black robes, another man said.

“Big Senior, should we disrupt them?”

“There is no need. There is going to be a pretty large fight in Thunder Granite Valley. Though the men from Yang City are dispersed, they are still pretty good fighters. Furthermore, Ling Yun Empire and Great Yuan Empire have powerful fighters amongst them. Therefore, we may not be powerful enough to repel them. At that time, we may even have to force an alliance with Xuan Bing Empire in order to chase away those Yang City men, before we can hunt for treasures.” That man in black robes casually said.

“Amongst those men from Yang City, the only ones we need to be wary of are Ling Zhi from Ling Yun Empire and Liu Yuan from Great Yuan Empire. The rest of them are not worth mentioning.”

“It’s best to be prudent. Who knows if there are any powerful

practitioners hidden within. Leave now. Let's travel using another direction and reach the Thunder Granite Valley before them."

After that man in black robes spoke, he did not speak any further. As he waved his arm, he suddenly upped his speed. Surrounding him, all the other men quickly followed behind.

Moments after that large group of men left, a large tree gently vibrated before a graceful figure appeared. Her beautiful eyes glanced lazily in front of her, before she pursed her red lips and smiled gently: "Really interesting. I never expected a mysterious ancient key to appear in this area..."

As that large group of men continued to travel, the Thunder Granite Mountain Range was seemingly turned inside out as several demonic beasts were forced to come out. This led to much problems for the men from Yang City.

Thankfully, with the passage of time, they went deeper into Thunder Granite Mountain Range. Especially when the blazing sun was right above them, those densely packed men finally took a break. Then, streams of burning and greedy eyes stared right at that mountain col in front of them.

Behind that mountain col was several treacherous mountain peaks. Those mountain peaks extended to the heavens and penetrated the sky. However, in the intersection point between these mountain peaks, there was an extremely large crack. Faintly, a thick mist emerged from within. Amidst that midst, a faint thunder roar emerged and it was an extremely peculiar sight.

That was a mountain valley formed by that crack and it was Lin Dong and the rest's destination, the Thunder Granite Valley that held the mysterious ancient key!

When that mountain valley finally appeared in front of their eyes, everyone who had worked intensively in order to reach this spot instantly cheered. All of them seemed really excited.

Lin Dong sat on his tiger's back and there were hardly any traces of emotions on his face. That was because he knew that arriving at the Thunder Granite Valley only signalled the beginning of the fight for the mysterious ancient key. In fact, what happens next was the most important.

His eyes slowly swept across the treacherous mountain peaks surrounding him. Moments later, his pupils gently shrunk. Faintly, he could sense a few auras around him.

"Let's go to the back." Lin Dong tilted his head before he softly spoke to an excited Mo Tei and the rest.

When they heard his words, Mo Tei and the rest were evidently stunned. Then, they turned to glance at one another. However, out of respect of Lin Dong's strength, they finally nodded their heads in agreement.

"Rumble! Tumble! Tumble!"

The ecstatic Yang City members flooded into the mountain col before they dashed enthusiastically towards the Thunder Granite Valley. In their opinion, as long as they could head inside, they would be entitled to a share of the spoils. At that time, they would be rewarded for all their hardwork and effort.

The ones in front of that large group were the Ling Yun Empire and Great Yuan Empire. With regards to their spot, no one dared to object. After all, they were the most powerful ones.

Lin Dong and the rest were at the back. As they approached the Thunder Granite Valley, Lin Dong increasingly furrowed his brows. It seems like those auras were getting increasingly obvious.

“Let’s head inside!”

The men in front were already several hundred feet away from Thunder Granite Valley. At the same time, while Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan’s face was filled with excitement, standing at the back, Lin Dong’s pupils violently shrunk.

Swoosh!

At this instant, the air in the sky suddenly erupted violently. Then, a hundred feet long formidable and icy-cold glint flashed by, before it flew with a terrifying speed and viciously slammed on the ground several meters in front of the men from Yang City. Immediately, the earth trembled, before a several hundred meters large ditch was forcefully ripped apart.

This sudden commotion caused the men from Yang City to riot. Standing right in front, Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan stared at this large ditch, before their pupils shrunk. Promptly, their faces darkened.

“I do not know which powerful man is blocking the way. Please show yourself!” Ling Zhi lifted his head before he shouted out.

“Go back to where you came from. This is not a place you should be at.”

After Lin Zhi shouted out, another voice slowly ricocheted across the sky. Meanwhile, after that voice landed, the temperature in the entire domain began to drop stealthily. Then, the crowd saw a figure hovered sailing along a gentle breeze, before he appeared in front of everyone’s eyes.

That figure was swaying along the wind and he did not choose to activate his powers. However, a heart-palpitating vibration still stealthily emerged from his body.

“Nirvana stage!”

When they sensed that powerful vibration, Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan’s expression instantly darkened.

Chapter 440: Two High-Grade Empires

A figure silently hovered in mid-air, while an icy-cold aura flowed around his body. It seems like the temperature in this area had dropped because of him. Meanwhile, his aura, that was several times more powerful than a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, caused everyone's faces to change drastically.

After all, they were clearly aware that the one who could possess such an aura must be a perverted existence that had reached Nirvana stage!

Standing in front of the men from Yang City, Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi's faces were grim as they stared at that man enshrouded by an icy-cold aura. It seems like their worst case scenario had eventually materialized and the mysterious ancient key had indeed attracted several troublesome individuals.

"I wonder which empire is this friend from? Thunder Granite Valley belongs to no one and our men from Yang City have travelled painstakingly to reach this area. Don't you think that your actions are simply too much?" The first one to speak was Liu Yuan. Their Great Yuan Empire was once a high-grade empire and even though they had fallen, their old prideful aura remains. Therefore, when he heard that figure was chasing them away, he involuntarily spoke up.

"Millennium Ice Empire, Hua Yun. You must have heard of us." That figure gently smiled as he said.

“Millennium Ice Empire?”

A commotion instantly erupted among the men in from Yang City, while thick fear flowed in their eyes. Evidently, many of them knew that it was a powerful high-grade empire.

“So unlucky. A high-grade empire has targeted this area!” When he saw this sight, Mo Tei’s face was grim as he grumbled unhappily.

Beside him, Tang Xuan and the rest’s expression darkened. If it were only factions like the Great Yuan Empire, based on their current strength, even though they may not be able to obtain the best treasures, they could obtain something as well. However, if they met a high-grade empire, they may not even have any leftovers to pick up.

After all, the gap between a high-grade empire and mid-grade empire is simply too large. Just the fact that they have a Nirvana stage practitioner is enough to deter them from making a move.

Lin Dong also gently furrowed his brows. He knew that the men that he saw last night was not from this so-called Millennium Ice Empire. That was to say, from his perspective, he knew that there were at least two high-grade empires in the Thunder Granite Valley!

Furthermore, this was all that he had seen so far. Nobody knew if there were any more secret empires or powerful practitioners hidden within these numerous mountain peaks.

It seems like this mysterious ancient key is truly attractive.

Standing right in front, Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi glanced at one another. Both of them knew how tricky this situation was. They had naturally heard of Millennium Ice Empire and they knew that it was a genuine high-grade empire. Furthermore, they had a real Nirvana stage practitioner backing them. Compared to them, they were much more powerful.

“You must be Liu Yuan from Great Yuan Empire? If you have successfully advanced to Nirvana stage, perhaps you will have the qualifications to negotiate with me. Besides, this is not the first time your Great Yuan Empire has participated into the Hundred Empire War. Therefore, you should be clearly aware of the rules in this land. Treasures do not belong to the fated, but to the strongest!” In mid-air, Hua Yuan looked down on the chaotic Yang City men. Even though they were many of them, his aura alone was enough to pressurize all of them till they could hardly breath. With his hands behind his back, his eyes were filled with an endless icy-cold glint while he stared at Liu Yuan and said casually.

When he heard his words, Liu Yuan involuntarily clenched his fists.

“This friend, though you come from a high-grade empire, if our Yang City men band together, you may not be able to stop us.” Ling Zhi solemnly said. Even though he knew that the men from Yang City fought for their own sake, at this juncture, he could only try to bluff.

In mid-air, Hua Yun waved his sleeves just as if he had heard a joke. Instantly, a breaking wind sounded echoed out from behind him, before a large group of men dressed in white robes dashed forth and appeared behind Hua Yun. Following which, streams of formidable icy-cold Yuan Power shockwaves emerged just like an icy-cold blizzard, before it swept across the Thunder Granite Valley and sent a chill down the Yang City men's spine.

When they saw those imposing Millennium Ice Empire members, Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi's pupils gently shrunk. They could detect that there were at least ten half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners amongst them. Furthermore, all of their auras were extremely formidable and they were all evidently skilled...

Once they appeared, it immediately showcased the might of a high-grade empire. In fact, no faction in Yang City could match up against them.

When they saw the Millennium Ice Empire's lineup, fear even emerged on the faces of some Yang City men. This caused Lin Dong to secretly sigh. These men were indeed dispersed. Even though no faction alone could match up against Millennium Ice Empire, if they really banded together, it would be quite troublesome for that Millennium Ice Empire and they will be forced to compromise...

"Everyone, though a high-grade empire is powerful, do you remember how long we have planned for this journey? Along the way, we had to fend off the demonic horde and we have all lost countless men. Now that we are almost at the Thunder Granite Valley, are all of you going to become cowards and give up now?" Liu Yuan obviously detected their reactions. Immediately, he

turned around before his loud roar sounded out in everyone's ears like thunder. He was keenly aware that if the men from Yang City scattered off, they would lose the ability to fight against a high-grade empire!

“All of you are geniuses from your respective empires. The art of cultivation requires one to steel one's hearts as well. A soft hearted man can never become a truly powerful practitioner!”

When they heard Liu Yuan's loud roar, even Lin Dong involuntarily raised his brows. Evidently, he never expected that this ape-like fellow could actually muster such a motivating speech.

Evidently, his words achieved a pretty significant impact. At the very least, the men who were previously flustered, began to slowly calm down, while their eyes glimmered.

In mid-air, when Hua Yun saw this sight, he immediately narrowed his eyes.

“Regardless, our Yang City has more men than them. If you guys are worried about that Nirvana stage practitioner, me and Ling Zhi will attack him together and stop him. Are you guys still afraid that with so many of us around, we will lose out to them?” Liu Yuan decided to seize the momentum as he shouted out again. He clearly knew all of them were terrified of Hua Yun. Therefore, he volunteered to handle Hua Yun together with Ling Zhi. Both of them were powerful practitioners that were about to advance to Nirvana stage. Therefore, if they combined forces, they may be able to handle Hua Yun.

His words took a heavy load off the frantic hearts of the Yang City men. Immediately, their hesitant eyes glimmered before it changed into a decisive look.

“Yes, with so many of us around, there is no need to fear!”

“A dozen of our guys have died in order for us to reach here, how can we leave so easily!”

“Since they want to block us, let’s fight with them!”

When they saw the enraged Yang City men, Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi heaved a sigh of relief. Then, they turned to look at Hua Yun before they solemnly said: “Hua Yun, your Millennium Ice Empire is indeed powerful. However, why must you be so overbearing!”

“Liu Yuan, do you really believe that by banding this mob together, you can fight against me?” Hua Yun gently smiled and there was a tinge of mockery in his words. Promptly, he casually said: “Wu Mo, what are you waiting for?”

“Haha, Hua Yun, like I said, just your Millennium Ice Empire alone is not enough to deter them.” After Hua Yun spoke, at a cloudy mountain peak behind him, a hearty laugh and several splitting wind noise suddenly sounded out. With a few swooshes, several figures dressed in black appeared in front of the Thunder Granite Valley.

However, what caused the Yang City men's expressions to change was a man dressed in black robes, sailing with the wind before he landed next to Hua Yun. At the same time, an extremely formidable shockwave emerged from his body and caused several faces to turn pale.

It was another high-grade empire and another Nirvana stage practitioner!

“Great Crow Empire, Wu Mo!”

When they saw that empire and powerful practitioner appear, a pained expression appeared on Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi's faces. Though they could handle one Nirvana stage practitioner, they were powerless against two of them.

Lin Dong stared at that man dressed in black, while he secretly sighed. It seems like they had finally appeared. Those were the men that he saw last night...

“Liu Yuan, what do you have to say now? Do you want to leave? Or do you want a fight?” Hua Yun glanced at the Liu Yuan duo, before he casually smiled and said.

Two high-grade empires standing in their way! Even if the men from Yang City banded together, it would be very difficult to stand up against them. Furthermore, the combined might of two Nirvana stage practitioners is simply too overwhelming.

The men in Yang City descended into silence. The courage that had barely gushed out was now on the brink of slipping away after the appearance of the Great Crow Empire. It was not that they were cowards, but rather, their opponents were simply too powerful...

Standing in front, Ling Zhi's expression was in flux. Then, he turned to Liu Yuan before he softly asked: "What should we do now?"

Liu Yuan was at a loss for words. Moments later, he finally said: "If there is another practitioner that can handle a Nirvana stage practitioner, we can give it a go."

When he heard his words, Ling Zhi involuntarily pursed his lips. They were the most powerful practitioners among the men from Yang City and they must combine forces in order to handle a Nirvana stage practitioner. Therefore, who else possessed such capabilities?

Liu Yuan was silent for a moment. For no particular reason, his eyes suddenly turned to look behind him, before they glanced past the crowd and finally locked onto a young figure.

Ling Zhi was similarly stunned by his action. Promptly, he turned to look at that figure before he involuntarily said: "Do you want to ask him?"

Liu Yuan did not reply. Right now, he was at his wits end as well and he was simply desperately grasping at straws...

Swoosh. Swoosh.

As the temporary leaders of the Yang City group, many people immediately followed their eyes as well. In fact, even Hua Yun and Wu Yun, who were hovering in mid-air, were also shocked as they turned before their eyes locked on a young man.

For a moment, it seems like even the air in this domain had frozen.

Chapter 441: A Wager

The air outside of the Thunder Granite Valley seemingly froze, while their stares seemed to have an infectious impact as everyone simultaneously turned to stare at a young man at the back of the Yang City group.

Most men from Yang City were aware of the large battle that occurred last night. The fact that Lin Dong, who was merely at peak Manifestation stage, could actually kill a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner caused them to be stunned. However, for the current predicament that they are in, just having the ability to kill a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner is not enough.

Therefore, when Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi cast their attention towards Lin Dong, several people grumbled in their heart. They did not doubt that Lin Dong was powerful. However, in their opinion, he was far from able to match up against a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner.

Nearby, hovering in mid-air, Hua Yun and Wu Mo also glanced peculiarly at that young man, before they promptly furrowed their brows. Both of them must have also realized that Lin Dong was merely at peak Manifestation stage and they did not understand what Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi were doing. Could it be that they actually wanted that peak Manifestation practitioner to help them out?

“What are they doing...” Hua Yun’s eyes narrowed while he muttered to himself with a tinge of mockery.

Standing beside him, Wu Yun furrowed his brows. For no particular reason, he thought that young man felt a little familiar. However, he could not explain why.

On a concealed mountain peak surrounding the Thunder Granite Valley, an alluring figure emerged. Her lazy and beautiful eyes were focused on the situation outside of Thunder Granite Valley, before she promptly turned to glance at young man and softly said: “This is somewhat interesting...”

Standing amidst the men from Yang City, the main character Lin Dong was evidently slightly puzzled by this sudden development as well. When he saw countless pairs of eyes focusing on him, he involuntarily furrowed his brows. Following which, he lifted his head and stared at Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi.

“Brother Lin Dong, all of us are from Yang City. If we choose to cooperate now, we may be able to reap some benefits.” When he saw Lin Dong staring at him, Liu Yuan laughed bitterly in his heart. His previous action had been completely instinctive. After all, he always felt that Lin Dong had concealed his real strength. Therefore, when he was at his wits end, he involuntarily turned to look at him. However, after he recovered his senses, he finally realized the predicament they were in. Against two high-grade empires, even if Lin Dong was truly skilled, could he possibly salvage this situation?

Of course, though he laughed bitterly, since he had already turned around, Liu Yuan could only ask him for help.

When Ling Zhi heard Liu Yuan’s request, his expression turned

slightly peculiar. After all, did he really believe that Lin Dong could force those two empires to back off?

Lin Dong was silent as he stared that white and black men, who were exerting an enormous pressure on them. He was a little surprised by the strength of the factions that were attracted to the Thunder Granite Valley. After all, the pressure caused by two high-grade empires were a little too much for him to bear. Furthermore, he was keenly aware that if those two empires targeted him, he would be in deep trouble.

He was also aware that those two empires must be after the mysterious ancient key. Therefore, even if he did not speak up now, during the fight for the mysterious ancient key later on, he will surely clash with them as well.

Therefore, if the men from Yang City were intimidated by these two high-grade empires now, he would have to face those two men by himself during the fight for the mysterious ancient key and it would be extremely challenging.

Hence, if he could help the men from Yang City enter the Thunder Granite Valley, even if all they could do is create some chaos and distract those two high grade empires, it would be helpful for Lin Dong.

Just as Lin Dong descended into silence, surrounding him, Mo Tei and the rest stared peculiarly at him. Unknowingly, Lin Dong had become an influential figure amongst the Yang City men. In fact, his influence could even rival someone like Liu Yuan.

Countless pairs of eyes stared right at Lin Dong. None of them wanted to leave empty handed. However, under the pressure from those high-grade empires, they had no other choice. Therefore, many of them were just like desperate gamblers, as they staked their last hopes on Lin Dong. They were hoping to witness another miracle like they did last night...

The tense atmosphere lasted for several minutes, before Lin Dong's gently furrowed brows slowly relaxed. Then, his feet tapped against his tiger's back, before his figure flashed forth and he emerged right in front.

Lin Dong's actions undoubtedly caused a commotion amongst the men from Yang City. Most of them had a fairly complex expression on their faces. Though they were hoping for a miracle, their rational minds told them that even if Lin Dong stepped in, nothing could change this harsh reality...

"The two of you, do you trust me?" Lin Dong tilted his head and looked Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi, before he suddenly asked.

When they heard his words, the Liu Yuan duo were slightly stunned. Promptly, they glanced at each other before they cautiously asked: "So, what are you planning to do?"

"Let's gamble. I have a fifty percent chance of winning." Lin Dong's voice was calm but he did not elaborate.

"Fifty percent chance..." Though they did not know what Lin

Dong planned to gamble on, to the Liu Yuan duo, these odds were pretty good. After all, if they continued to badger them, should these two high-grade empires really attack them, they would probably crumble.

“Since we have gotten this far, if brother Lin Dong wants to, please give it a go!” Liu Yuan was a silent for a moment, before he finally gritted his teeth and said. It was not a wise decision to continue dragging this on. Else, once nightfall arrives, all of them would hardly be able to escape.

Standing aside, Ling Zhi could only nod his head.

When he saw the both of them nod their heads, Lin Dong finally heaved a sigh of relief. Then, under the crowd’s stares, he took a step forward before his eyes turned towards that two figures hovering in mid-air. Though they were quite a distance away, he could still sense the pressurizing aura emitted from their bodies. It seems like the Nirvana stage truly lives up to its name.

“The two of you are extremely renowned figures. It is not impossible for our Yang City men to turn around and leave. However, I would like to propose a wager with you.” Lin Dong’s steady voice slowly echoed out in mid-air.

“It seems like you do not have the qualifications to gamble with us...” Hua Yun gently smiled as he said.

“Two high-grade empires allied together is indeed extremely powerful. However, trust me, a desperate dog can jump over a wall

while a desperate rabbit will bite back. We have travelled painstakingly to reach this area. If you really want to use force, perhaps you may succeed, however you will surely pay a hefty price as well. Since the Thunder Granite Valley has attracted the likes of you, who knows if there are other powerful empires hidden within. If you suffer losses now, it may not bode well for you.” Lin Dong’s voice was still calm, almost as if he did not sense the pressurizing aura emerging from Hua Yun’s body.

When they heard his words, Hua Yuan and Wu Mo’s eyes narrowed. Then, their eyes swept across the mountain ranges that surrounded Thunder Granite Valley. Just like what Lin Dong had said, they were most afraid that there was another predator lurking behind. In this world, nobody wanted to be the prey. Therefore, Hua Yun and the rest, were not interested as well.

“Talk about this wager.” Hua Yun glanced at Wu Mo. A tinge of excitement had finally lit up in his eyes, as he asked casually.

When he heard them relenting, a small smile emerged on Lin Dong’s face. Promptly, he waved his sleeves, before a shockwind emerged. Then, it carved out an approximately ten meter circle on the ground.

“It is not a complex wager. Out of the two of you, one of you will stand in the circle and take one blow from me. If you are blown out of the circle, I win. Else, it’s your victory.”

Lin Dong clapped his hands while he spoke casually. However, the commotion he caused could only be described by an avalanche. That was because, after he spoke, several gasps immediately

sounded out amongst the Yang City men, while everyone stared at him in shock. It seems like all of them were shocked out of their wits.

One could only imagine just how ridiculous and stupid it was, for a mere peak Manifestation practitioner to challenge a Nirvana stage practitioner to take one attack from him and stay within the circle.

Though they were certain that Lin Dong was powerful, however... it was simply too much. Those were genuine Nirvana stage practitioner! In fact, even men like Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi had to combine forces in order to fight against them!

Amidst the commotion, Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi were similarly stunned. When they heard Lin Dong's suggestion, the first thought that came to their mind was: Is this guy for real?

Ling Zhi's eyes darkened while his expression turned grim. As he stared at Liu Yuan, for a moment, he was at a loss for words.

"Since he has already brought it up, let's see how it goes first." At that point, Liu Yuan steeled himself as he said. After all, he was the one who roped in Lin Dong and therefore he could only pray for a miracle now.

"Haha, interesting." Hovering in mid-air, the Hua Yun duo were stunned for a moment, before they recovered their sense. Then, their eyes somewhat mockingly glanced at Lin Dong, before they involuntarily laughed while they shook their heads. This wager

must seem simply ridiculous to them.

“Alright, so out of the two of you, have you decided who it is going to be?”

However, Lin Dong ignored their mocking glances, as he stared right at the Hua Yun duo and softly asked.

“Let me handle it...”

Hua Yun had a mocking expression on his face, while he turned to look at Wu Mo. When he saw the latter wave his hands, he slowly walked out. However, he did not walk into the circle. Instead, he hovered above it in mid-air, with his hands behind his back. His calm voice was filled with an unconcealable pride.

“There is no need for me to enter the circle. I will stand right here. If you attack is able to move me, your men from Yang City is free to enter the Thunder Granite Valley!”

“However, if you fail to do so, take your men and leave immediately. Else, our two empires will be forced to adopt drastic measures. I hope all of you know what is best for you!”

Chapter 442: Acknowledgement

The evening sun was just like blood as it illuminated the outskirts of the Thunder Granite Valley. Meanwhile, due to Hua Yun's words, it seems like the temperature in this domain had stealthily increased.

Hua Yun hovered in mid-air with his hands behind his back and he looked extremely suave. At the same time, his aura caused one to secretly sigh. It seems like a Nirvana stage practitioner is truly extraordinary.

The wager was on once Hua Yun agreed. Therefore, a defeated look emerged on the faces of several Yang City men. In their opinion, this wager was a complete joke. Though Lin Dong surprised them by killing a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, unfortunately, the difference between half-step-to Nirvana stage and Nirvana stage was simply too large to be even measured in meters.

Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan glanced at one another, before they both softly sighed. There was nothing they could do now and both of them felt quite troubled. After all, if Lin Dong really lost the wager, they would probably have to leave obediently.

When they thought of this point, an unwilling expression surfaced on Ling Zhi duo's faces. In fact, Liu Yuan felt even more regretful. If he had known this was going to happen, he would have never involved Lin Dong in the first place...

Nonetheless, regardless of what they felt, they could only silently await the outcome of the wager.

Just as Hua Yun walked forth, Lin Dong's eyes slowly focused on him. Meanwhile, he completely disregarded the various commotions behind him. After all, he did not care about their doubts. From a certain perspective, the only reason why he intervened was because he wanted to use the men from Yang City to create chaos. Therefore, all of them had their own objectives for doing so.

“Come, based on your peak Manifestation ability, I am quite curious to find out if you have the qualifications to gamble with. Nonetheless, regardless of the eventual outcome, your bravery is admirable.” Hua Yun waved his sleeves while he looked at Lin Dong with a nonchalant expression on his face. It seems like he treated this wager as a complete joke.

Lin Dong's face was calm as he was not nervous at all. After he took a glance at Hua Yun, his body gently trembled before he pushed the Yuan Power in his body to his limits. At the same time, streams of Devouring Force gushed out from his body, before all the Yuan Power in this domain gushed forth before they continuously gathered above Lin Dong's head.

The entire sky seemed to have darkened instantly. When they saw all the Yuan Power in this domain acting in an abnormal fashion, the defeated expression on the Yang City men's faces slightly retreated.

“He is somewhat capable.”

A tinge of shock also flashed across Hua Yun's eyes. After all, only a Nirvana stage practitioner is able to use the Yuan Power between Heaven and Earth for his own sake. Hence, he never expected that a peak Manifestation stage practitioner like Lin Dong could actually do so as well. It seems like the martial arts that he was going to execute was going to be fairly powerful.

“Boom! Boom!”

Powerful and savage Yuan Power was continuously emitted from Lin Dong's body, before they finally transformed into a resplendent glowing column and shot out from Lin Dong's head.

The glowing columns which seemingly shredded the skies, suddenly erupted. At the same time, a golden glow glimmered in Lin Dong's eyes. Then, he slowly pointed out his finger.

Buzz! Buzz!

Just as Lin Dong pointed out his finger, his arm began to vibrate manically. At the same time, beneath his skin, a golden glow coursed through his body and helped him to forcefully withstand the terrifying backlash caused by that finger.

Boom!

Before he pointed his finger out, all the surrounding air exploded. Lin Dong's black hair swayed in the wind, while his

robes rumbled. In fact, even the clouds in the sky shows signs of congregating.

When they saw this abnormal phenomenon, including Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan, a tinge of awe flashed across several people's eyes.

“Alright!”

When Hua Yun saw this sight, a burning glint flowed in his eyes while the mocking expression on his face dimmed down. Then, he jerked his body before potent streams of Yuan Power surrounded his body. Faintly, those Yuan Power were filled with an icy-cold sensation.

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, Fifth Finger Move The Universe!”

Under the stares of the crowd, Lin Dong's finger finally materialized. The instant he pointed out his finger, a soft echo sounded out from Lin Dong's arm. Promptly, the golden glow undulated on his arm became increasingly terrifying. This time around, Lin Dong had unreservedly activated the full strength of his fifth Great Desolate Imprisoned Heavenly Finger. In fact, if he had not mastered Lesser Nirvana Golden Body, his arm would have likely been blown to bits.

“Boom!”

Thankfully, Lin Dong was able to forcefully withstand that

savage force. Instantly, in the void created after those glowing columns blew apart, an extremely terrifying sensation suddenly emerged. Then, an ancient finger which seemed to have come from an ancient land appeared from within the void before it arrived in this domain!

This time around, the large ancient finger that appeared seemed much more refined than before. There were countless complex greyish tattoos inscribed on that large finger. Furthermore, this time around, this finger did not feel lacking as compared to before. That was to say, this was not half a finger, but rather, one complete finger!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

That large and ancient finger hovered in mid-air, while all the surrounding Yuan Power raged. Faintly, a series of deep explosive noises, which caused one's scalp to turn numb, swept forth before it caused everyone's faces to change.

“How is that possible!”

Standing behind him, Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi stared in awe at that large ancient finger. From the shockwaves emitted from it, both of them were clearly aware if this attack was directed at them, even if they could defend against it, they would have to pay a heavy price!

None of them could believe that a mere peak Manifestation stage practitioner could actually execute such a powerful martial art...

Standing behind Ling Zhi, Hai Sha was in complete shock when he saw this sight. At the same time, the hatred and grudge he previously held against Lin Dong was completely swept away. After all, he could not afford to mess with such an opponent. If this finger was directed at him, he would definitely die!

A golden glow flowed beneath Lin Dong's skin while all the hair on his body seemed to have stood up. This is the first time he had unleashed the full strength of his fifth Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger. In fact, even he was astonished by the strength of his attack.

“Go!”

After taking in a deep breath, a razor sharp glint flashed across Lin Dong's eyes. He was also eager to find out just how powerful a Nirvana stage practitioner is. Therefore, he jerked his arm, before that finger, which seemed to have come from an ancient land, finally ripped across the horizons. In the blink of an eye, it appeared above Hua Yun's head, before it solidly pressed down.

Crack!

In that instance, it seems like the surrounding air had crumbled, while a soft ripping sound echoed out.

That large ancient finger was reflected in Hua Yun's pupils. Meanwhile, a solemn expression emerged on his previously mocking face. Promptly, formidable icy-cold Yuan Power gushed out, while he quickly absorbed the Yuan Power between Heaven

and Earth, before he created a gigantic black ice mountain at an alarming rate.

“Demonic Extreme Ice Mountain!”

That ice mountain was completely covered in black and it gave off an indestructible sensation. Amidst the icy-cold sensation, it was filled with a vigorous and solid strength.

That large ancient finger seemed just like an ancient god’s divine wrath. With a terrifying momentum, it viciously slammed against at black ice mountain, while everyone stared in awe.

The resulting impact was just as if two meteors travelling from opposing directions had collided together. After everyone heard that deafening impact that suddenly occurred in mid-air, all of them felt their ears begin to buzz, while bursts of sharp pain emerged.

“Crack!”

However, though their eardrums hurt, most of them still kept that eyes right at that point of impact. Soon after, all of them heard a soft “crack” sound.

Behind him, the pupils in Wu Mo’s narrowed eyes suddenly shrunk. He could see that there were actually tiny cracks emerging on that black ice mountain!

“Bang!”

The cracks began to grow at an accelerated pace. In merely the blink of an eye, they finally extended till their limits before that large ice mountain exploded while the crowd stare in disbelief.

“Buzz!”

The ice mountain exploded before a resplendent glow gushed out from within. Meanwhile, that figure within was actually enveloped by a golden glow and it seemed faintly like a golden liquid was flowing across his body. He looked extremely sturdy.

“Nirvana Golden Body!”

When they saw that figure enveloped by a golden glow, a commotion erupted amongst the men from Yang City. They had never expected that Hua Yun was actually forced to use Nirvana Golden Body!

“Boom!”

That golden figure gripped his fist before he solidly punched out. Just like a golden shooting star, he furiously slammed against that large ancient finger. Immediately, a terrifying shock wind swept forth before that large ancient key was actually forcefully blown back. In fact, while it was being blown back, it actually shows signs of crumbling.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

That large ancient finger broke down inch by inch. Even though Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger is extremely powerful, Lin Dong is merely at peak Manifestation stage while Hua Yun is a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner. Therefore, it was extremely difficult for Lin Dong to rely on his martial art to breach the gap between them. Nonetheless, he had accomplished his goal.

Lin Dong hovered in mid-air, while all the blood in his body flared up. Though his whole body was burning up, his eyes stared right at a distant figure. Right now, Hua Yun's hair was disheveled, while he faintly gave off a hideous expression.

Furthermore, everyone could tell that Hua Yun was no longer at his original spot. During that previous clash, he was forced to retreated several dozen meters before he was able to counter against that terrifying force.

The results of this wager is obvious.

“Acknowledged!”

Lin Dong stared at Hua Yun, who had pursed his lips, before he cupped his fists and acknowledged him. His calm words, which carried a majestic and moving aura, stealthily ricocheted across this area.

Chapter 443: Undercurrent

A tense atmosphere shrouded the outskirts of Thunder Granite Valley. It was as if all sound in this place had vanished at this moment, and the only thing left that proved the existence of the previous earth-shattering attack, were countless pairs of shocked eyes.

“Did we win?”

Liu Yuan muttered while somewhat painfully massaged his neck as he looked at Ling Zhi, whose eyes had nearly popped out.

Ling Zhi did not answer him. Right now, his mind had been temporarily blown away by that shocking sight. Moments later, he finally recovered his senses and slowly nodded his head as he gazed at Hua Yun’s disheveled hair.

Right now, waves were raging inside Ling Zhi’s heart. He had been slightly displeased by Lin Dong’s attitude the night before. After all, in his opinion, Lin Dong’s ability did not give him the qualifications to act this haughtily in front of their Ling Yun Empire. However he now finally understood why Lin Dong dared to act in such a manner.

The reason why that fellow could completely disregard him was not due to arrogance, but rather, he truly possessed the qualifications to do so. Ling Zhi if he was the one facing the previous attack, he would suffer heavy injuries even if he could receive it. After all, he had not advanced to the Nirvana stage and

was far from being able to compare to Hua Yun, someone who possessed the Nirvana Golden Body.

Behind them, after a brief period of silence. the men from Yang City gradually began to regain their senses. Immediately, celebratory noises erupted, while several people shouted Lin Dong's name at the top of their lungs. One could imagine how excited they were in their hearts.

Mo Tei sucked in a few deep breaths, trying to suppress the shock in his heart. As he turned to look at Tang Xuan and the rest beside him, he saw that they had expressions of disbelief on their faces as well.

“Haha, how is it? I have already told you guys that Lin Dong is no ordinary individual, yet you chose not to believe me!”

When they heard Mo Tei's hearty laugh, Tang Xuan and Liu Xuan felt somewhat guilty. At first, they hardly respected Lin Dong and even thought that this fellow was making use of them to reach Thunder Granite Valley.

While a commotion swept across the men from Yang City, nearby, Hua Yun's expression fluctuated a little. This outcome had obviously vastly exceeded his expectations.

As a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner, he was keenly aware of the gap between the peak Manifestation stage and Nirvana stage. Since he had mastered the Nirvana Golden Body, typically speaking, even an all-out attack from a peak Manifestation

practitioner would hardly hurt him at all. Yet, he had miscalculated this time. After all, no one imagined that Lin Dong could actually execute such a powerful martial art.

The blood in his body gently boiled, but very quickly, Hua Yun was able to forcefully suppress it before he tidied his disheveled hair. Besides some minor differences in his expression, it seems like he did not incur much injuries. This sight caused Lin Dong to secretly shake his head. A Nirvana stage practitioner was simply too powerful and even his most powerful martial art, the complete fifth finger, could not achieve much besides making Hua Yun momentarily lose his footing.

Hua Yun's eyes were tightly glued onto Lin Dong, lips slightly pursed while his expression a little icy. When they saw his appearance, the celebratory noises from the Yang City men gradually subsided, while all of them vigilantly stared at him in case he went back on his word.

However, in response to Hua Yun's stare, Lin Dong merely chuckle before speaking, "Why? Are you going to forfeit the wager?"

"I never expected that I, Hua Yun, would actually suffer a loss at your hands. Since we have already agreed on the wager, I, Hua Yun, naturally intend to keep my word." Hua Yun stared at Lin Dong. Moments later, he gave a slightly pained smile before he spread out his hands and said, "Our Bing Xuan Empire will not prevent your Yang City men from entering the Thunder Granite Valley."

While he spoke, he glanced at Wu Mo, who was standing behind him. His words did not include the Great Wu Empire. Evidently, he was not planning to speak on their behalf.

“I have also agreed to the previous wager. Therefore, if I go back on my word now, I will have no credibility in the future.” Wu Mo gently smiled. Though he was shocked by the outcome, it was not a wise move to go back on his word now. Furthermore, he did not believe that the Yang City men, or even the astonishing Lin Dong, would cause him any problems even if they entered the Thunder Granite Valley.

Based on Wu Mo’s keen eyesight, he could naturally tell that previous attack was Lin Dong’s most powerful one. However, this was merely enough to push back Hua Yun a little. Therefore, honestly speaking, the two of them were not on the same level.

After all, the power of a Nirvana stage practitioner far exceeded the imagination of a Manifestation stage practitioner.

When they saw that the two great empires had no intentions of going back on their words, the men from Yang City gently heaved a sigh of relief. Meanwhile, Lin Dong descended from mid-air, before Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi immediately greeted him warmly. The arrogant attitude that they showed him previously had completely disappeared. After all, the strength that Lin Dong had displayed indicated that he was of equal standing with them.

A distance away, Hua Yun and Wu Mo both descended from mid-air. After they glanced at one another, they bitterly laughed as they shook their heads. It seems like both of them had not expected this

outcome.

“That kid’s martial art is truly peculiar. The martial art he previously executed should be a high-grade Manifestation martial art. However, what shocked me the most is that he was actually able to withstand that terrifying backlash even though he is merely at the peak Manifestation stage.” Hua Yun glanced at Lin Dong, who was now being hailed as a hero by the men from Yang City, before he said.

“He has mastered a rather powerful physical enhancement martial art, which is somewhat similar to the Nirvana Golden Body. However, I must admit that he is quite strange.” Previously, when the two of them crossed blows, Wu Mo had evidently been carefully studying Lin Dong. Obviously, he had detected the weird vibration emitted by the latter when he executed the Lesser Nirvana Golden Body.

“It is going to be somewhat troublesome. However, in a real fight, he should stand no chance.” Hua Yun softly exhaled, as if he wanted to exhale all his troubles from before.

“Agreed.”

Wu Mo did not have any objections to these words. This time around, Hua Yun had been tricked and had lost the wager. However, in a real fight, he was not going to go easy on Lin Dong. After all, the distance between Nirvana stage and Manifestation stage cannot be breached by any simple martial arts alone.

“Let’s head in first. This time around, let’s combine forces. With regards to who shall own the mysterious ancient key, we can decide after we obtain it.” Hua Yun turned around, before he looked at the misty Thunder Granite Valley. Without further ado, he waved his hand before he took the lead and headed off. Behind him, the elite Xuan Bing Empire members quickly followed.

Wu Mo gently nodded his head before he quickly followed behind. Two groups of men, one in front and one behind, charged into the Thunder Granite Valley and disappeared into the thick mist.

“Shall we enter too?” When they saw the two great empires entering Thunder Granite Valley, a burning and expectant expression lit up in Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi’s eyes before they turned to look at Lin Dong. From their actions, it seems like they were actually asking him for permission.

Lin Dong nodded his head before he called Mo Ling, Mo Tei and the rest to his side. Promptly, all the men from Yang City, who were now celebrating, flooded into the Thunder Granite Valley like a tidal wave, before they completely disappeared amidst the thick mist.

Inside the deep mountains, Thunder Granite Valley was just like a beast with a bottomless appetite. Regardless of the number of visitors, they were all completely swallowed within...

As the final figure disappeared into the misty Thunder Granite Valley, in mid-air... a beautiful and alluring figure suddenly appeared. Her beautiful eyes glanced curiously at the large crater

on the ground, which was created after Lin Dong and Hua Yun crossed blows, before she softly smiled and said: “A peak Manifestation practitioner is actually able to possess such strength. If that fellow advanced to the Nirvana stage, how powerful will he be? However, this is really shocking. I never expected to meet such a talented individual in this place...”

After her soft voice faded, the alluring figure gently stretched her back as her beautiful eyes glimmered. She stared at a nearby mountain peak, her lips gently trembling, before her figure flashed and she directly headed into the Thunder Granite Valley.

When the mysterious and alluring figure entered the Thunder Granite Valley, moments later, the air in the outskirts of the Thunder Granite Valley trembled, before several black figures suddenly flashed and appeared like phantoms.

“That woman seems to have detected our presence?” A black figure suddenly opened his mouth and asked. His voice was somewhat coarse and cold.

“No need to bother. We must obtain the Mysterious Ancient Key. That ancient treasure trove is no ordinary treasure trove. If we can obtain it, we will definitely stand out in the Hundred Empire War.” Amongst those black figures, a man casually said.

“I never expected the Bing Xuan Empire and Great Wu Empire to come as well. Those two fellows can be quite troublesome.”

“Isn’t it just two guys who have recently advanced to Nirvana

stage? They hardly pose a threat to us. After all, in the eyes of our Devil Cliff Empire, those two empires are nothing at all...”

That particular black figure spoke again. Without further ado, he waved his hand before he transformed into a phantom-like figure that dashed into the mist.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Behind him, the black figures quickly followed.

After they entered the Thunder Granite Valley, the outskirts of the Thunder Granite Valley finally quietened down. However, an ice-cold sensation faintly lingered. One could imagine that as these factions entered, it would definitely not be peaceful...

Chapter 444: Stone Temple

Thunder Granite Valley was considered as a rather unique place in the Thunder Granite Mountain Range. In the depths of the mountain range, mountain peaks criss-crossed and the topography was fairly complex. It was said that a long time ago, lightning had descended and forcefully ripped apart that mountain peak continuously, before it gradually formed into the Thunder Granite Valley today.

Perhaps because of the lightning's descent, the entire Thunder Granite Valley was filled with an lightning aura. Numerous Demonic Beasts within the mountain valley mutated due to this. Not only could they come and go like the wind, they could also spit out thunder bolts. Compared to the Demonic Beasts outside, they were far more difficult to deal with.

Thunder Granite Valley was fairly large and even after the sudden influx of such a huge number of humans, it was still tremendously spacious. However, the thick mist that permeated the valley was an extremely major obstruction to one's sight.

The originally peaceful Thunder Granite Valley was disrupted due to the sudden influx of a large group of uninvited guests. Meanwhile, Demonic Beast growls faintly echoed out all around the valley. In their opinion, this was their territory and those humans were intruders. Against intruders, these Demonic Beasts were never afraid to take action. Furthermore, various kinds of several spirit herbs grew within Thunder Granite Valley and even in the outer areas. Once the intruders entered, they did not hesitate to pick whatever they saw. It would be strange if these actions did not incur the wrath of the 'locals'.

Hence, soon after they entered the Thunder Granite Valley, chaos and confusion violently erupted from all around. It was more than likely that people had been attacked by Demonic Beasts. For a while, various disturbances and piercing screams sounded out, causing one to feel distraught with anxiety.

“Brother Lin Dong, the real treasure should be deep within Thunder Granite Valley. However, there are many Demonic Beasts along the way and it is also filled with a poisonous mist. In fact, even a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner must tread cautiously. Since we are on the same boat, how about we head there together first?” Liu Yuan glanced at the smoky surroundings, before he turned and asked Lin Dong with a smile, seeking the latter’s opinion.

“Sure.”

In response, Lin Dong did not object. The inner region of the Thunder Granite Valley was layered with danger and if they temporarily allied themselves, it would be additional insurance for him. Furthermore, the Millennium Ice Empire and Great Crow Empire should have also directly rushed towards the inner region. Therefore, if he was late to the party, he may not even salvage any leftover soup.

“Let’s go. Follow me.” Lin Dong turned around before he addressed Mo Ling, Mo Tei and the rest. Right now, Lin Dong was considered as the leader of the group and even Mo Tei followed his instructions. Therefore, by bringing them along, it would also be helpful for him.

After Lin Dong, Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan formed a temporary alliance, without further ado, they immediately headed towards the inner region of the Thunder Granite Valley. Following which, some of the astute Yang City men quickly followed behind.

There were numerous intersecting stone paths within Thunder Granite Valley and it looked just like a maze. Thankfully, Liu Yuan and the rest had gathered quite a bit of information on this place and immediately took charge, allowing Lin Dong to have a fairly relaxed journey. At the same time, the Demonic Beasts that occasionally lurched at them were killed by his companions even before they could reach him.

Lin Dong and the rest hastened their footsteps as they headed for the inner region of Thunder Granite Valley. Meanwhile, Lin Dong also saw tracks and Demonic Beast corpses in front of him. They were likely left behind by the two high rank empires.

As they poured down the road at full speed, approximately ten minutes later, a different scenery finally unfurled on the meandering stone path. It was a dense lightning barrier. Within the barrier, sparks continuously flickered and landed on the ground, causing crackling noises to erupt.

Lin Dong felt a considerably formidable vibration undulation from the lightning barrier. Immediately, his eyes turned a little more solemn. Even a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner would have to suffer in order to cross this lightning barrier.

“Brother Lin Dong, this is a protective barrier formed by thunder rocks after they have absorbed the lightning within Thunder Granite Valley, and it is extremely powerful. Typically speaking, the sky above Thunder Granite Valley is always filled with storm clouds. Under that weather, the strength of the lightning barrier will surge several times and even a Nirvana stage practitioner will find it difficult to cross through.”

“Thankfully, there will be a few days every month where the storm clouds will dissipate. Therefore, many people who hope to enter the inner region of the Thunder Granite Valley will take this opportunity to do so...” Upon seeing Lin Dong’s peculiar expression as he stared at the lightning barrier, Liu Yuan smiled and explained.

“Oh.” Lin Dong finally understood. Previously, he was still wondering why those high rank empires did not come earlier and instead chose to wait for today. It turns out it was because of the lightning barrier in Thunder Granite Valley.

“Brother Lin Dong, only half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners can cross this lightning barrier. I am afraid that the rest of you will have to wait behind.” Mo Tei’s eyes turned to Lin Dong, before he glanced at the Mo Ling trio and said.

“It’s alright.” When he heard these words, Lin Dong smiled as he shook his head before he softly told Mo Ling and the rest, “Just stick behind me.”

All along, Mo Ling and the rest have been following him and they have often helped him out. Now that they have found a treasure

trove, Lin Dong naturally did not want to exclude them.

When they heard Lin Dong's words, Mo Ling and the rest were fairly touched as they promptly nodded their heads.

“Let's go.”

Standing aside, Ling Zhi, Liu Yuan and the rest have already made the necessary arrangements. They only brought along their half-step-to Nirvana followers, before they cupped their fists and bowed at Lin Dong. Then, they immediately took off and headed into that lightning barrier filled with lightning sparks.

Buzz. Buzz.

After they barged through, cackling noises immediately erupted from within that lightning barrier and it caused one's hair to stand.

“Go.” Lin Dong did not procrastinate as well. With a wave of his hand, he immediately stepped into the lightning barrier. Following which, with a flick of his mind, a stream of Devouring Force stealthily emerged before it completely enveloped a nervous Ling Zhi and the rest.

The Devouring Force was just like an invisible shield. When those savage lightning sparks touched the shield formed by the Devouring Force, they disappeared stealthily.

After that lightning energy was devoured by the Devouring Force and refined by it, it gently coursed through Lin Dong's body before it was forcefully absorbed by Lin Dong.

Previously, when he was training Great Sun Thunder Body, Lin Dong had absorbed lightning energy as well. Therefore, it was a simple feat for him to absorb it again and it did not cause much problems for him.

Thanks to the magical properties of the Devouring Force, this so-called lightning barrier, which was able to impede a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, was rendered completely useless. Therefore, when he saw Mo Tei and the rest nearby who were shivering, he involuntarily grinned in his heart.

It did not take long for them to cross the lightning barrier. In merely a few minutes, Lin Dong had safely brought Mo Ling, Little Flame and the rest across. Following which, he turned to look at Mo Tei and the rest, whose hair were now standing due to the electricity, before he involuntarily grinned.

“We have finally arrived...”

After Ling Zhi and the rest passed through the lightning barrier, all of them heaved a deep sigh of relief. Then, their eyes stared fervently at the area behind the lightning barrier.

In front of Lin Dong and the rest, was a gigantic inner valley. In the middle of that place, stood an extremely large Stone Temple.

That Stone Temple was slightly damaged after the passage of the time. It seems like it should have existed since a long time ago. Evidently, this was Lin Dong and the rest's final destination. That so-called mysterious ancient key should also be within that large Stone Temple.

“Haha, we have finally arrived! Everyone, the rewards that we shall obtain will rely on our own respective luck!” As he stared fervently at the Stone Temple, Liu Yuan involuntarily laughed heartily. Then, he immediately took charge before he commanded his men and headed into the Stone Temple.

Right now, the door to the Stone Temple was already ajar. It was likely due to those two high rank empires. In fact, there were even footsteps nearby.

The interior of the Stone Temple was extremely huge. Several different corridors criss-crossed haphazardly before they extended to a deep and unknown place. After Ling Zhi and the rest entered, they split up to look for treasures. For a while, it seems like all of them were truly engrossed.

“Let's head this way...”

Lin Dong did not stay still for long. His eyes glanced at a criss-crossed corridor, while a glint flashed in his eyes. Then, he waved his hand before he headed off immediately.

Standing behind him, Mo Ling and the two of them quickly followed behind. After a moment of hesitation, Mo Tei, Tang Xuan

and Liu Xuan quickly followed behind as well. It seems like in their opinion, it would be safer to follow behind Lin Dong.

Lin Dong and the rest travelled along the corridor, while his eyes grew increasingly brighter. Faintly, there was even a tinge of excitement in his eyes. Right after they entered the Stone Temple, he could faintly sense his Mental Energy rage.

Lin Dong had rarely come across such a scenario. However, he knew that his Mental Energy would only act in such a fashion after it detected a closely related Heavenly Soul Object. Evidently, there is only one object that could tempt Lin Dong's Mental Energy. That was the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree that he had been dreaming of!

“Buzz!”

After several minutes, they finally stopped dashing. Then, a spacious stone chamber appeared in front of Lin Dong and the rest. This stone chamber was filled with a terrifying energy shockwave while a potent medicinal smell continuously emerged. Evidently, this was a storage room used for various elixir pills.

Meanwhile, Lin Dong's eyes swept across this spacious room before they finally stopped at the center of the room. At that spot, there was a small yellow tree. Looking at it from a distance away, its various branches seemed to form a mysterious Heavenly Symbol. Faintly, it seemed like it had the magical ability to communicate with the Heavens.

“Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree!”

When he saw this ancient tree that looked just like a symbol, Lin Dong's eyes instantly lit up.

Chapter 445: Tree Veins Symbol

The rich fragrance of medicine greeted them, while the astonishing energy shockwave caused Mo Tie and the rest to be dumbstruck. Promptly, their breathing turned ragged as they stared at the stone chamber that was filled to the brim with elixirs.

Lin Dong heaved a gentle sigh of relief, before he slowly walked into the stone chamber. When he entered, he finally realized how large this stone chamber was. Though there were numerous elixirs scattered across the stone chamber, Lin Dong did not waste any attention on them. Instead, his eyes were glued to the nearby Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree as his pace suddenly quickened.

Mo Ling and the rest followed behind Lin Dong. They had now also realized Lin Dong's target. Immediately, a tinge of awe flashed across their eyes. Even though they already knew that there was a Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree in Thunder Granite Valley, when the real deal appeared in front of them, their already prepared hearts were still disturbed.

“Haha, brother Lin Dong's luck is really good. When news of the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree was leaked, no one knew if it was true. However, we never expected that we would encounter it barely after entering this place...” Mo Tie smiled, a tinge of envy in his eyes. He was naturally aware of the scarcity of the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree. However, he was no fool. If Lin Dong had performed ordinarily along the way, perhaps he might fight with him for this Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree. Thankfully, Lin Dong's previous two displays had left him completely in awe.

Therefore, when he saw Lin Dong's unconcealed burning desire for this Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree, he naturally chose not to argue with him. Immediately, he turned around before he carefully kept some decent elixirs into his bag. If he sold these items outside, they would fetch a substantial amount of Nirvana Pills.

Lin Dong's footsteps finally stopped in front of the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree. Due to their close proximity, he could clearly see that there were fine patterns inscribed all over the branches of the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree. These patterns looked just like the masterpiece of the heavens. They seemed natural yet magical and gave off an intoxicating sensation.

While Lin Dong carefully sized up the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree, the burning expression in his eyes grew even hotter.

“Brother Lin Dong, if you want it, you should quickly keep it before anything happens.”

After Mo Tie took a dozen precious elixirs, he turned to observe Lin Dong's expression as he stared at the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree, before smiling and reminded him.

Lin Dong's smiled, his eyes flickering. However, he did not immediately make a move.

“Heh heh, do you think that a little dog or cat like you has the qualifications to enjoy such a marvelous object?” The instant Lin Dong's eyes glimmered, a cold chuckle suddenly ricocheted across the spacious stone chamber.

“Who is it!”

The sudden voice immediately caused Mo Tie and the rest to be on guard. Immediately, all the Yuan Power in their body gushed out as they fearsomely shouted out.

Swoosh!

After Mo Tie and the rest shouted out, a black phantom-like figure darted across the air, before coming to a standstill in mid-air. He looked down upon Mo Tie and the rest as a disdainful expression flashed across his sinister face before he sneered, “On account of the fact that you guys have shown me the way, I shall spare you. Leave now.”

While he spoke, the black figure stomped his foot as a majestic aura gushed out, immediately causing Mo Tie and the rest’s expression to change as they involuntarily cried out, “Nirvana stage!”

“Dammit, where did that fellow come from? To actually be another Nirvana stage practitioner!” Mo Ling softly cursed from behind Lin Dong.

Lin Dong slightly narrowed his eyes. However, he was not surprised that there were other empires besides the Bing Xuan Empire and Great Wu Empire that were attracted by the Mysterious Ancient Key. There were definitely other factions lurking in the dark and this man was likely one of them.

The stern expressions on Mo Tie and the rest faded under the black figure's majestic aura. Their fists tightly clenched, but they could do nothing. After all, they were powerless in the face of a Nirvana stage practitioner.

When he saw Mo Tie and the rest descend into silence, the black figure grinned pridefully. Following which, his figure flashed before he directly headed for the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree, while the crowd watched on bitterly.

“Bastard!”

When they saw this sight, Mo Ling and the rest's instantly turned tense. Meanwhile, Lin Dong's narrowed even further. However, while his eyes glimmered, Mo Tie's hand suddenly grabbed Lin Dong as he gently shook his head and softly said, “Forget about it, we can't beat that guy.”

Mo Tie was clearly aware that though Lin Dong was able to push back Hua Yun with a single powerful attack on the outskirts of Thunder Granite Valley, this does not indicate that he possessed the qualifications to fight against a Nirvana stage practitioner. There was no longer a so-called wager, hence, if he offended this mysterious Nirvana stage practitioner, he would probably meet his demise.

“Don't worry.”

Lin Dong gently smiled before he tilted his head and watched the

black figure, which was swooping towards the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree just like a giant condor.

The black figure was extremely quick. In a blink of an eye, it had appeared above the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree. Following which, his potent Yuan Power directly transformed into a large Yuan Power hand that swiped at the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree.

Ch!

However, just as that giant Yuan Power hand was about to grab the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree, the originally silent Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree's branches abruptly swept out. At the same time, a verdant glow surfaced on the branches while a bloody smell faintly emerged. In fact, the lightly bloody smell caused even Lin Dong's expression to change a little.

The black figure evidently did not expect that the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree was actually able to attack someone. Immediately, his expression changed. Thankfully, the man was still a Nirvana stage practitioner. Therefore, his body wiggled in a peculiar manner, completely avoiding the branches. His palm was akin to a knife as it chopped off several Heavenly Symbol Spirit Tree branches with formidable power.

However, this barbaric method did not accomplish much. Instead, it only further agitated the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree. The broken branches squirmed as they quickly regenerated, seemingly filling the horizons as they rained down on the black figure.

Mo Tie and the rest looked in shock at this scene. Evidently, they never expected that a tree could actually be this powerful.

“The Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree is no ordinary object and it possess some rudimentary intelligence. Furthermore, its branches give of a deadly poison, a poison known as the Heaven Symbol Poison. In fact, even Nirvana stage practitioner will be endangered if he comes into contact with it.” When he saw Mo Tie and the rest’s stupefied expressions, Lin Dong gently smiled as he explained.

It turns out that the reason he did not make a move previously was because he knew that this would happen. It was not so easy to obtain such a wonder. In fact, even a Nirvana stage practitioner might lose his life if he was negligent.

“Shall we leave first?” Mo Tie asked from the side. One glance indicated that this mysterious Nirvana stage practitioner was no kind-hearted buddha. Therefore, after he dealt with the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree, the same fate would probably befall them.

“Leave? How can we leave empty handed after encountering such a treasure.” Lin Dong smiled while his eyes stared at the black figure that was being bogged down by countless branches. Promptly, his figure suddenly moved as he directly leapt forward.

When he saw Lin Dong’s action, Mo Tie’s heart violently shuddered, while his entire body began to tremble. He never imagined Lin Dong would be so daring to actually compete with a

Nirvana stage practitioner...

“Kid, you dare!”

That black figure that was currently entangled by the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree also noticed Lin Dong’s actions. Immediately, a cold glint flashed across his eyes as he angrily shouted.

However, Lin Dong merely chuckled in response to this threat. His feet executed the Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps as his body transformed into a wisp of green smoke, allowing him to dodge all of the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree branches. His movements were very effortless and he did not break a single branch. That was because he knew that the more he cut off, the more branches there would be. Therefore, if he chose to barbarically cut them down, he would be eventually be drowned in those branches. At that time, once the Heaven Symbol Poison attack his body, even a Nirvana stage practitioner would end up in an extremely sorry state.

His body deftly avoided the dancing branches. Following which, under the furious stare of the black figure, Lin Dong appeared next to the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree trunk. His eyes focused on the center of the trunk, there, the tree veins had formed into an extremely peculiar symbol, which appeared to give off a fluorescent glow.

It was the hub of the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree and all the peculiar energy in its body was concentrated in this symbol. As long as one took it away, one would have completely subdued the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree.

“Heh!”

As he stared at that symbol formed from tree veins that was practically within reach, Lin Dong chuckled. Meanwhile, the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree seemed to have detected his intentions as a branch filled with Heaven Symbol Poison instantly lashed out viciously at Lin Dong.

“Swoosh!”

However, Lin Dong chose to ignore the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree’s attack. Immediately, his hand formed a claw before he abruptly reached out. A formidable force gushed out, viciously grabbing at the flickering fluorescent symbol, forcibly ripping it away from the trunk.

Pa! Pa!

When the symbol disappeared, the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree began to decay at an alarming rate while all its branches collapsed with a thud...

Lin Dong held the tree symbol in his hand, before flipping his palm and keeping it into his Qiankun bag. Immediately, he felt a malicious killing intent behind him.

“Kid, I will give you one chance. Surrender it and break one of your arms. Perhaps I may spare your life!”

The black figure hovered in mid-air, while his eyes were as eerie as a ghost as he unwaveringly stared at Lin Dong. Meanwhile, his words were filled with a rich killing intent that caused Mo Tie and the rest's faces to turn deathly pale.

However, Lin Dong's following words caused their bodies to shiver as if they were in a cave of ice.

Lin Dong's reply was very simple and consisted of only four words. However, they caused the black figure to be so outraged that his body could not help but tremble with anger.

“You must be dreaming.”

When they saw the black figure reach the limits of his rage, Mo Tie knew that they could no longer reconcile with this Nirvana stage practitioner...

Chapter 446: Trump Card

“Good, how bold of you!”

Clearly, the black shadow's facial expression was extremely gloomy at this point in time. While both of his eyes were filled with an unconcealable killing intent, the black shadow stared perversely at Lin Dong and said, “Lad, do you really think that you are qualified to act so brazenly in front of me just because you manage to ward off a Nirvana stage practitioner?”

From his words, it was apparent that he had witnessed the confrontation between Lin Dong and Hua Yun outside of the Thunder Granite Valley. However, he could not help but sneer at this sight. Given Lin Dong's capabilities, he would not last more than ten rounds in a life or death battle with a Nirvana stage practitioner.

Lin Dong did not try to retort the black shadow's words but merely smiled. At the same time, he did not show any signs of handing over the Tree Veins Symbol obediently. Undoubtedly, Lin Dong's actions further ashened the black shadow's facial expression.

Upon seeing this scene, Mo Tei and the rest's faces turned pale. Even though they had witnessed how Lin Dong fared in his confrontation with Hua Yun outside of the Thunder Granite Valley, that was merely a wager. Right now, they were in a different situation. It was clear that this black shadow was not a benevolent individual. If Lin Dong did not hand over the Tree Veins Symbol, he would not let the matter rest.

Compared to Mo Tei and his counterparts' pale faces, even though Mo Ling and the other rest's hearts were racing, they still believed in Lin Dong. From the day they stepped into the ancient battlefield, Lin Dong had performed numerous miracles for them. It was as if the number of trump cards up his sleeves were endless.

The atmosphere in the spacious stone chamber froze and tensed up. Indistinctly, there was a chilling aura dissipating throughout the temple, causing one's face to be unnerved.

“Lad, you have lost your final opportunity to beg for my forgiveness.”

The tensed atmosphere continued for a moment before the black shadow slowly opened his mouth. Upon hearing these words, Mo Tei and the rest were shocked. Apparently, this Nirvana stage practitioner was getting impatient.

“Bang!”

With an icy-cold glare, the black shadow took a step forward. Immediately, a surge of Yuan Power swept forward and speckles of golden light gushed under his skin. Without showing any signs of executing any martial arts, he jolted his body and became a fuzzy lustre and blasted a thunderbolt-like punch towards Lin Dong.

The air exploded under the power of his punch. Nirvana stage practitioners possessed the real Nirvana Golden Body, which was their most powerful weapon. Even a half-step-to Nirvana stage

practitioner would not dare to resist such a powerful individual.

It was clear that the black shadow did not intend to hold back his attack. The sonic boom from his punch was sharp and tricky and it was aimed directly at the vital point of Lin Dong's chest. If his punch landed on its target, it would definitely blast a bloody hole in the target's body.

“Humph!”

Seeing how ruthless the black shadow launched his attacks, Lin Dong's eyes froze as well, yet he did not retreat immediately. With a twitch of his body, speckles of golden light erupted beneath Lin Dong's skin too. Even though this golden radiance was not as condensed as the black shadow's, it gave off an indestructible feel.

As the golden radiance surged under Lin Dong's skin, tremendous energy was emitting from his entire body as well. At once, Lin Dong's eyes blazed with fiery flames. And with a slight hesitation, under the astonished gazes from Mo Tei and the rest, a golden-radiated punch was released and collided head on with the black shadow's punch.

“Boom!”

A low and piercing boom resounded through the stone temple. A brutal wave of energy ripple then swept across the temple and turned the some of the surrounding elixirs into dust.

Thud! Thud!

Lin Dong's figure was thrown back violently, and at the same time, tiny explosions could be heard coming continuously from his body. Clearly, his body had been invaded by an extremely powerful force.

Such terrifying power was enough to crush a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner's body. However, even though Lin Dong's body was thrown back by the attack, he did not show any signs of being seriously injured. Instead, under such a powerful attack, the golden glow on his body became increasingly brilliant.

“Thump!”

Finally, Lin Dong's body slammed viciously onto a huge pillar. Immediately, numerous cracks extended throughout the thick and solid pillar. It was at this moment that Lin Dong could finally stabilize his body thoroughly.

Tss!

Upon seeing Lin Dong did not show any signs of being seriously injured after taking such a powerful punch from the Nirvana stage practitioner, Mo Tei and the rest sucked in a deep breath of cold air while feeling puzzled at the same time.

“Nirvana Golden Body!?”

In the mid-air, the black shadow stared at the faintly discernable golden glow beneath Lin Dong's skin too. Soon after, he came to a realization and sneered, "No wonder you are so arrogant, it seems that you have a Nirvana Golden Body-alike body transformation martial art. However, I can tell you that you are too gullible to believe you can contend against a Nirvana stage practitioner with your martial art alone!"

As soon as he finished his sentence, the entire body of the black shadow erupted with an extremely dazzling golden radiance. The intensity of such radiance was numerous times stronger than Lin Dong's Lesser Nirvana Golden Body.

"Let's see how many times your imitation Nirvana Golden Body can withstand my attacks!"

This time around, the black figure activated all the powers of his Nirvana Golden Body as he burst into an attack abruptly. A sombre look appeared on Lin Dong's face as he looked at the increasingly magnifying golden radiance in his eyes. After the previous direct confrontation, he understood the prowess of a Nirvana stage practitioner. He could only make use of his Lesser Nirvana Golden Body to put up a slight resistance. Ultimately, he could not use it to contend against the black shadow. No matter what happened, his capabilities paled in comparison with a Nirvana stage practitioner's.

The sight of a golden figure who was overwhelmed with mountain-like power was expanding rapidly in the eyes of Lin Dong. That kind of pressuring gale that accompanied the attack was creating numerous cracks on the floor around Lin Dong.

“Lin Dong, quickly escape from there!” Mo Tei and the rest screeched till their hearts went up their throats when they saw what was going on. Clearly, the Nirvana stage practitioner had went all out on this attack and he was going to kill Lin Dong!

“Trying to escape?”

A piercing laughter came from within the golden radiance. As he looked at Lin Dong’s calm face and thought of how the face was going to be wrecked later on, a twisted blood-lust delight arose in his mind.

“Swoosh!”

As the golden radiance streaked across the air, the black shadow’s fist, which seemed to be made of real gold, caused explosions in the air and blasted towards Lin Dong’s head. With this kind of speed and the short distance between the black shadow and Lin Dong, it was impossible to dodge the attack even with extreme speed.

“Die!”

The black shadow’s face became sinister and distorted. However, just as he was about to land his punch, he saw a mocking look flashed across Lin Dong’s eyes.

“Dong!”

Without even having the chance to understand the mocking look behind Lin Dong's eyes, a red glow suddenly streaked across the air. At this moment, a metallic-cold punch appeared and collided with the sonic boom from his punch with a loud rumble!

Terrifying energy ripples engulfed the place. Huge cracks and crevices erupted throughout the floor of the stone chamber. All the stone pillars exploded as the stone chamber showed signs of collapsing. Seeing what had happened, Mo Tei and the rest retreated without any hesitation. They then looked at the stone chamber, which was currently engulfed in clouds of dust, with a deathly white face. No matter how powerful Lin Dong was, he was bound to die under such a powerful attack!

“Bang bang bang!”

Just when their faces turned deathly white, a figure shot out from the clouds of dust abruptly with both his feet planted deeply on the ground, creating two deep trails on the floor. Tremendous energy was seeping from the figure's body, creating explosions in the air in the process.

“Woosh!”

Finally, this figure slammed fiercely onto the wall of the temple. As his body gave way, he spat out a mouthful of blood.

Swish!

Mo Tei and the rest then fixated their gazes on this figure. What they saw petrified their bodies. Their eyes were popped out as if they had seen a ghost.

That was because the sorry figure who was shot out from the clouds of dust and spat out a mouthful of blood was the mysterious Nirvana stage practitioner!

Mo Tei and the rest's minds seemed to be in the state of stupefaction as they stared blankly at this sight.

Even the black shadow himself raised his head in disbelief as he wiped off the blood stain on his mouth and glared rigidly into the clouds of dust.

Thud thud.

This situation continued for a short moment before the rustling sound of footsteps came through the clouds of dust. They then turned their heads stiffly and saw a figure walking slowly out of the clouds of dust. The calm face on the figure remained unwavering.

Mo Tei and the rest's gazes rested upon Lin Dong's calm face. At this moment, they suddenly discovered that there was a tall figure standing behind Lin Dong like a loyal bodyguard.

As they shifted their gazes to that tall figure, they discovered that its entire body appeared to be blazing with flames. They could not

clearly see its features but could vaguely sense a powerful energy coming from it. This put their minds in a state of shock. After a while, mutterings that contained traces of extreme shock and astonishment began to come out from their mouths

“Nirv.... Nirvana stage practitioner....”

Chapter 447: The Main Chamber

The blazing figure stood silently behind Lin Dong. Even though it did not make any movements, it still gave off a faint energy wave that unnerved one's heart.

At this moment, the messy stone chamber was absolutely silent. Regardless of who it was, Mo Tie, Mo Ling or the black-clothed Nirvana stage practitioner, all of them were staring at the blazing figure behind Lin Dong in astonishment.

“How can there be a Nirvana stage practitioner by his side!?”

Mo Tie and his counterparts mumbled unbelievably to themselves. They had never seen Lin Dong with a Nirvana stage bodyguard before, and from the Mo Ling trio's surprised faces, it was clear that they were similarly in the dark.

“A Soul Puppet. So this is your trump card.”

The black-clothed Nirvana stage practitioner said with in hoarse and gloomy voice as he slowly wiped off the traces of blood at the corners of his mouth. He was far more experienced than Mo Tie and the rest. Thus, he could sense that the blazing figure did not have any life force like a human. It was then clear to him that the blazing figure was some kind of Soul Puppet.

However, even so, the black-clothed Nirvana stage practitioner's heart could not help but twitched violently and he stared at the Blood Soul Puppet with both fear and greed. Even he himself did

not possess such an excellent artifact.

“Soul Puppet?” Upon hearing these words, Mo Tie and the rest were stunned. Soon after, they came back to their senses and look enviously at Lin Dong. This kind of artifact was extremely rare and they never imagined that Lin Dong would possess one in his arsenal. It was also now that they finally understood why Lin Dong could stay composed when he was facing Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan. It turned out that he possessed such an intimidating force up his sleeves.

One Soul Puppet was sufficient to contend against a Nirvana stage practitioner. With such an unconventional ‘Nirvana stage practitioner’ as a bodyguard, why would Lin Dong be afraid of Ling Zhi and his counterparts?

Lin Dong did not reply as he chuckled. He turned to stare at the black-clothed Nirvana stage practitioner, smiling a little as he asked, “So what are you going to do next?”

Upon hearing these words, a cold light immediately surfaced in the eyes of the black-clothed Nirvana stage practitioner. However, after seeing the Blood Soul Puppet beside Lin Dong, he had no choice but to repress his anger. From the previous confrontation with the Blood Soul Puppet, he understood that if a fight broke out, the Soul Puppet would thrash him terribly. Furthermore, there was still Lin Dong eyeing him covetously from the side. The current situation had turned unfavourable for him in a flash.

Very clearly, he had to put off the idea of seizing the Tree Veins Symbol for now.

“Lad, don’t be too pleased with yourself. By offending my Devil Cliff Empire, I’m afraid you will not have an easy time in the future! A mere Soul Puppet will not be able to safeguard you in the ancient battlefield!” The black-clothed Nirvana stage practitioner glared coldly at Lin Dong while grinning in a sinister manner.

“Devil Cliff Empire?” Upon hearing this name, Lin Dong did not have much of a reaction; instead, it was Mo Tie and the rest whose facial expressions changed drastically. When they saw Lin Dong’s relaxed face, they could not help but softly speak in unison, “Lin Dong, I’m afraid there might be some troubles this time around. I have heard of the Devil Cliff Empire before. This empire is a powerful existence even among the high rank empires. It is impossible for these empires to have only a single Nirvana stage practitioner.”

“Furthermore, these people are extremely vengeful. If you offend them, they will definitely seek revenge. According to my intelligence, there was once a high rank empire that was completely wiped out by them....”

After hearing these words, Lin Dong’s eyes turned a little solemn. Looks like the Devil Cliff Empire was indeed a formidable faction.

“Heh, lad, If you obediently hand over the Tree Veins Symbol now and offer up this Soul Puppet, the grudge between us can be easily written off. Otherwise, I’m afraid there might not be a chance for you to distinguish yourself in the ancient battlefield!” The black-clothed Nirvana stage practitioner sneered as he saw the change on Lin Dong’s eyes, a tinge of cockiness in his tone.

Lin Dong furrowed his brows and shot the black figure a glance before replying in an indifferent manner, “I don’t care who you are and which empire you are from. I have never given anything I own to anyone. Get lost!”

Lin Dong’s eyes abruptly turned serious at the final few words while his face gushed with killing intent.

“You!” The black-clothed Nirvana stage practitioner was furious when he saw Lin Dong’s attitude. Initially, he thought that by using the name of his empire, Lin Dong would concede to his demands. However, he did not expect the latter to become increasingly arrogant instead.

“Fine, you can be wilful now, but sooner or later, I will make you regret your actions!” However, anger was after all just anger. As long as the Soul Puppet was there, he did not dare to do anything. After giving Lin Dong a vicious glare, the black figure moved, dashing out of the stone chamber as he speedily disappeared.

As Mo Tie and the rest watched the black-clothed Nirvana stage practitioner disappear, they silently heaved a sigh of relief. They shifted their gazes to Lin Dong and laughed bitterly, “Brother Lin Dong, it going to be troublesome in the future after offending such an adversary.”

“Different situations call for different actions. There is nothing troublesome at all. If you are afraid of trouble in the ancient battlefield, it will be tough for you to distinguish yourself from the

rest. In that case, how will you get selected by the super sects?” Lin Dong smiled plainly. The Devil Cliff Empire was indeed troublesome but he did not need to be fearful of them at all. In the past, when he just left the tiny Yan City, if he was afraid of any little thing, it would be hard for him to obtain the accomplishments he had today.

Mo Tie could only laugh bitterly without saying anything after he saw how Lin Dong downplayed the whole incident. After these few days of contact with Lin Dong, he understood that Lin Dong was enigmatic and unpredictable. With the power of the mere peak Manifestation stage, Lin Dong was able to engage in a direct confrontation with a Nirvana stage practitioner and even possessed a formidable guardian in the Soul Puppet. Perhaps only an individual like Lin Dong would not be afraid of a great power like the Devil Cliff Empire.

“Let’s go, there should be other artifacts in this stone temple. All of you should not leave here empty-handed,” Lin Dong laughed, dismissing the topic of the Devil Cliff Empire. He took a look at the stone chamber, which was in a complete shambles. Many elixirs in the chamber had been destroyed during the fight, therefore, they could only venture to other parts of the stone temple.

After Lin Dong finished his sentence, he waved his hand and returned the Blood Soul Puppet to the stone talisman. Afterwards, he left the stone chamber and walked along the corridor that led to other areas. Behind him, Mo Ling, Mo Tie and the rest rushed to catch up.

The party traveled through the complex maze-like stone

chamber. Along the way, they managed to reap some benefits as well. In some of the stone chambers, there were heaps of Nirvana pills. Instead of taking these pills, Lin Dong let Mo Tie, Mo Ling and the rest divide them among themselves. After all, he had already obtained the Tree Veins Symbol which he needed desperately. If he could refine it, his Mental Energy could breakthrough to the Heaven Symbol Master stage. When that moment came, he would be able to face real Nirvana stage practitioner alone without any help from the Blood Soul Puppet.

Within half an hour of traveling through the corridors in the stone temple, Mo Tie and the rest had a rather bountiful harvest. Their faces were filled with contentment and excitement, obviously thinking about how they had benefited from this trip. Furthermore, with Lin Dong overseeing them from the side, they did not have to worry about other factions snatching the treasures they had found. After all, the current Lin Dong could not be stopped even by a Nirvana stage practitioner.

Along the way, Lin Dong and his counterparts had encountered other entourages too. Some were from Yang City while others were strangers whom they had never met before. However, once they encountered each other, they immediately carried on to other places. It was clear that they wanted to make use of the time to search for more treasures.

Lin Dong and gang had a rather substantial haul. After a few wrong turns in the corridors, they found that the path ahead of them had been replaced by an extremely enormous main chamber.

As they stared at the main chamber that had appeared before

their eyes, Lin Dong and his counterparts taken aback. Soon after, their eyes gradually burned with passion. Everyone knew that the most important thing in Thunder Granite Valley was not the items they had obtained so far in their journey. The real treasure that had attracted numerous elites and high rank empires was the Ancient Secret Key!

This treasure possessed a deadly enticement. Even a powerful being like Little Marten drooled at the thought of the Samsara Pills in the Ancient Treasure Trove, let alone others?

“Let’s go.”

Therefore, when the main chamber appeared before Lin Dong eyes, he waved his hand without any hesitation and led the rest into it.

The main chamber was extremely vast and spacious and looked like a huge coliseum. Currently, there were already numerous groups in the main chamber. Lin Dong glanced around and spotted Ling Zhi, Liu Yuan and their counterparts, who had unexpectedly arrived at the main chamber too. On their left were the two groups from the Millennial Ice Empire and Great Crow Empire.

Lin Dong then took a sweeping glance around the main chamber. After a while, his gaze stopped at a particular area of the main chamber where five black figures were gathered. Even though they were few in number, Lin Dong could sense that even Hua Yun, Wu Mo and their counterparts were deathly afraid of them.

The sudden appearance of Lin Dong and his counterparts attracted many gazes. One of the black figures turned around as his expression instantly darkened. He was the one who previously failed in his attempt to seize the Tree Veins Symbol from Lin Dong.....

Lin Dong shot a glance at the black figure as a menacing smile appeared on the latter's face. It was as if a rabbit had entered a wolf's lair, an extremely sinister sight.

However, the black figure's sinister smile did not have the slightest effect on Lin Dong's mental state. Lin Dong continued scanning the place until his gaze finally stopped at the deepest area of the main chamber. There was a light orb floating in that spot. Within the light orb was a weirdly-shaped, key-like object that was emitting an unusual glow.

Ancient Secret Key!

As Lin Dong stared at the object within the light orb, his pupils immediately shrunk. At the same time, he could feel even Little Marten becoming excited inside the stone talisman.

Chapter 448: Trap

Right now, due to the sudden appearance of Lin Dong's group, everyone in the main hall immediately shifted their attention. When Ling Zhi, Liu Yuan and the rest saw Lin Dong, they were mildly delighted. After all, Lin Dong also came from Yang City. Therefore, compared to the rest, they definitely had an additional degree of trust in him.

With regards to Hua Yun, Wu Mo and the other black shadowy figures, they only casually glanced at him. Regardless of how spectacularly well Lin Dong performed at the outskirts of Thunder Granite Valley, in their eyes, he still did not amount to anything.

“Senior Mu, that is the fellow who snatched the Heavenly Symbol Spirit Tree!”

However, just as they were about to look away, among the black shadowy figures, one of the Nirvana stage practitioner who had previously fought with Lin Dong, stared venomously at him, before he turned to a lean man in front of him and said.

“Hmm?”

When they heard his words, with the exception of Lin Dong's group, everyone in the main hall was stunned. Promptly, a peculiar glint flashed across their eyes. That black shadowy figure was able to match up to Hua Yun, yet Lin Dong was able to snatch away something from him. One wonders if this implies that Lin Dong is truly exceptional, or if that black shadowy figure was

useless...

“Peak Manifestation stage?”

That man called Senior Mu gently lifted his head, before he revealed his pale yet fearsome face. After he glanced at Lin Dong, he casually remarked.

“Senior Mu, that fellow possess an extremely powerful Soul Puppet. I have fought against it.” That black shadowy man seemed to have detected the displeasure and rage in Senior Mu’s words as he quickly explained.

“Soul Puppet?”

After he spoke, in the main hall, several people’s hearts shuddered. Promptly, none of them dared to look down at Lin Dong anymore. Instead, a solemn expression filled their eyes. Everyone knew how powerful a Soul Puppet was. Even the weakest Soul Puppet was able to match up to a Nirvana stage practitioner. Therefore, this peak Manifestation stage kid actually possessed such a powerful trump card.

Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan glanced at each other. When both of them saw the thick awe plastered in each other’s eyes, they finally understood why Lin Dong, who was merely from a small empire and only at peak Manifestation stage, did not fear them at all. It was because he had such a powerful trump card up his sleeves.

“Seems like we have misjudged that guy...” A thick awe was also plastered on Hua Yun and Wu Mo’s face. Both of them never expected that Lin Dong had concealed his strength so deeply.

That man called Senior Mu stared intensely at Lin Dong, before he immediately retracted his stare. Following which, using a voice that was only audible to his own men, he gently said: “There is no need to care about him. Our most important goal is to obtain the mysterious ancient key. Before we obtain it, there is no need to provoke anyone else over the Heavenly Symbol Spirit Tree. Let’s settle everything after we obtain the mysterious ancient key.”

If Lin Dong was an ordinary peak Manifestation practitioner, perhaps he would simply slaughter him right away. However, though this man appeared to be a peak Manifestation practitioner on the surface, he actually possessed a fairly powerful Soul Puppet. This forced Senior Mu to reevaluate his decision.

Typically speaking, even if Lin Dong had a Soul Puppet to protect himself, based on the might of their Devil Cliff Empire, they was no need to fear him. After all, once they sent one man to stop the Soul Puppet, Lin Dong would just be like a piece of meat on their chopping board. However, this time around, they did not bring much men along. Furthermore, there was the Millennial Ice Empire and Great Crow Empire lurking around and they did not have any excess resources to deal with Lin Dong. As such, even though their Devil Cliff Empire usually operated in a tyrannical fashion, they had to tone down for now.

When they heard Senior Mu’s words, though that black shadowy Nirvana stage practitioner that had previously suffered at Lin

Dong's hands, felt disgruntled, he did not speak any further. Instead, he gritted his teeth and nodded his head. After all, once they obtain the mysterious ancient key, he will let that fellow know the price to pay for offending their Devil Cliff Empire.

With regards to the stares from the crowd, Lin Dong remained fairly calm and he did not act arrogantly. Though his Blood Soul Puppet allowed him to stand up against these Nirvana stage practitioner, it was not enough to make those Nirvana stage practitioners fear him. At most, they would only be wary of him and not look down on him like before.

In the main hall, the atmosphere here quietened down due to his sudden interference. Moments later, all of them recovered their senses. Following which, countless pairs of eyes stared fervently at the glowing ball deep inside the main hall.

Lin Dong's eyes were also focused on that glowing ball. Promptly, his pupils gently shrunk before he once again scanned his distant surroundings. Following which, he realized that there were actually several life-like stone statues situated around the walls of the main hall. However, what puzzled him was that those stone statues seemed alike and they had only differing expressions.

“Hua Yun, Wu Mo, for this trip to obtain the mysterious ancient key, my Devil Cliff Empire must succeed. If the two of you are willing to let us have it, our Devil Cliff Empire can establish a pretty good relationship with both of your empires.” Just as Lin Dong scanned his surroundings, that lean man named Senior Mu suddenly spoke slowly.

When they heard his words, Hua Yun and Wu Mo gave a fake smile before they said: “Chen Mo, your request is a little too much. We have put in so much effort in order to obtain the mysterious ancient key. If you want us to back off based on your words alone, wouldn’t it be a joke?”

Though the Devil Cliff Empire had a fearsome reputation, the Hua Yun duo were no ordinary individuals. Therefore, it was silly for Chen Mo to expect that they would back off based on his words alone.

Right now, in this arena, their two empires had the largest team. Meanwhile, the Devil Cliff Empire had only four other men besides Chen Mo. Amongst the four of them, beside the Nirvana stage practitioner that previously fought with Lin Dong, the remaining three of them were only at half-step-to Nirvana stage. Therefore, comparatively speaking, there was a gap between them.

“Pfft, the two of you had better not push it. A while ago, the Great Bone Empire, who is almost as powerful as your empires, offended our Devil Cliff Empire. In the end, all of them were brutally slaughtered!” Beside Chen Mo, that Nirvana stage practitioner venomously said. There was a blatant threat hidden within his words.

“How about you try it then? Do you really believe your Devil Cliff Empire can run over the entire ancient battlefield?” Hua Yun was evidently outraged by that man’s words. Immediately, his expression darkened as he shouted out.

Just as Hua Yun got angry, standing behind him, the elite

Millennial Ice Empire practitioner's expressions darkened before cold auras faintly emerged.

When they saw the atmosphere in the main hall turn tense, Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan's faces turned dry. They were indeed lacking compared to these high-grade empires and only a Nirvana stage practitioner had the qualifications to speak here. When they thought of this point, the two of them involuntarily gritted their teeth. After this, they must strive to attack Nirvana stage. After all, only those who have reached Nirvana stage had the qualifications to obtain these rare resources and treasures!

"Chen Mo, though your Devil Cliff Empire is powerful, for today, you only have two Nirvana stage practitioners..." Right now, Wu Mo also gently spoke. The meaning behind his words was simple. Based on the men that Chen Mo had brought along, it was not enough to force them to back off.

"Are you guys really at Nirvana stage?" However, when he heard Wu Mo's words, a strange smile suddenly appeared on Chen Mu's face. Meanwhile, there was a peculiar golden glow flowing in the deepest corner of his eyes.

"The two of you probably only used two hundred thousand Nirvana Pills when you attacked Nirvana stage. However, when I attacked Nirvana stage, I used five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills. Therefore, you must be dreaming if you think you can match up against me!"

Chen Mo's expression was icy-cold. As he took a step forward, a resplendent golden glow gushed out from every pore in his body,

before an exceedingly powerful shockwave swept forth. His powerful aura enveloped the entire arena.

“Five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills!”

When they heard this number, in the main hall, everyone’s faces changed. In fact, even Lin Dong’s expression was shaken. He naturally knew that the Nirvana Qi inside one’s body would become more powerful as more Nirvana Pills were used. Therefore, before they passed through any Nirvana Tribulations, this was used as a benchmark for them.

Furthermore, the formidable shockwaves that gushed out from Chen Mu’s body was evidently much more powerful than the Nirvana stage practitioner beside him. In fact, it was far more powerful than Hua Yun or Wu Mo...

This Devil Cliff Empire is truly wealthy. After all, five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills is an astronomical number in Lin Dong’s eyes...

Just as his heart shuddered, Lin Dong’s footsteps had already stopped in front of a stone statue. As his fingers gently traced across it, his eyes instantly narrowed, before thick awe filled his eyes.

“Lin Dong, be careful. This main hall is a little strange and there seems to be an extremely obscure vibration inside these stone statues.” Just as shock and confusion flowed in Lin Dong’s eyes, Little Marten’s voice suddenly rang out in his heart.

Lin Dong retracted his finger, before he glanced at Mo Ling. When the latter saw him, he seemingly understood his intention. Following which, a group of men stealthily retreated to the main hall's door. Based on their actions, it seemed like they were afraid of getting involved in the fight and therefore, they did not attract much attention.

The main hall was still a little silent. It was likely that most of them were shocked by Chen Mu's five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills. When he saw this situation, a venomous smile flashed across his grim face. Promptly, he turned around before he walked towards that glowing ball deep inside the main hall. Following which, before the Hua Yun duo recovered their senses, he grabbed that glowing ball.

“You!”

Right now, Hua Yun and Wu Mo finally recovered their senses. Instantly, their expressions changed before they were about to make a move.

However, it was evidently too late. Right now, Chen Mu's palm had already touched the key inside the glowing ball. However, what shocked him the most was that the instant he made contact, his palm passed right through, just as if that glowing ball did not exist.

“Crack!”

This sight caused everyone to be stunned. Just as they were all bewildered, a soft crackling sound suddenly emerged in the main hall.

Amidst that crackling sound, Lin Dong's pupils shrunk violently. That was because he saw the stone statues stationed on the stone walls were actually slowly standing up. Meanwhile, a vibration that did not lose out to a Nirvana stage practitioner emerged from their bodies.

“That is not the mysterious ancient key, but the key to a trap...”

This thought flashed lightning-quick across Lin Dong's mind.

Chapter 449: Stone Statue

Rumble! Tumble! Tumble!

The entire large hall began to tremble at this moment. Meanwhile, those stone statues that lined up with walls seemed to have came alive, as they slowly stood up. However, what caused everyone's expression to change drastically was that the aura emitted from these stone statues did not lose out to a Nirvana stage practitioner!

Rip!

This sudden sight first shocked the crowd, before they all promptly sucked in a breath of cold air. There were a dozen over statues that leapt out from the wall. That was to say, there were more than ten Nirvana stage opponents!

“Quickly retreat!”

Hua Yu, Wu Mo and the rest's expression changed drastically, before they promptly shouted out quickly. A dozen over Nirvana stage stone statues was enough to completely annihilate them.

When they heard their commands, the men from the Millennial Ice Empire and Great Crow Empire quickly retreated as they tried to leave the large hall.

Bang!

Nonetheless, just when they were about to make a move, two stone statues suddenly landed right in front of the large hall's entrance and directly blocked off the door.

When they saw this sight, everyone's heart sunk. All of them finally realized that this large hall was a trap. Once anyone touched the key within the glowing ball, it will activate the trap. Following which, the stone statues will release an terrifying energy and completely annihilate everyone within.

Lin Dong furrowed his brows when he saw this sight. Even for him, a dozen over Nirvana stage stone statues would be a minor headache. At the same time, he took a glance at Mo Ling and the rest before he stealthily heaved a sigh of relief. Previously, after he signalled them, they had all exited the large hall. Therefore, they were all in safe hands now and this would spare him the trouble of worrying about them. After all, against these stone statues, Lin Dong did not dare to be negligent at all.

“Lin Dong!”

Mo Ling and the rest stood outside of the large hall and they were all completely flabbergasted at this sight. When they looked at those terrifying stone statues, none of them dared to step foot inside the large hall and they could only shout anxiously from outside.

Lin Dong waved at Mo Ling through a crack on that large stone statue's body. When the latter saw his signal, his expression

changed. Lin Dong was telling them to play it by ear and if the situation worsens, they must leave by themselves immediately.

After he gritted his teeth, Mo Ling hesitated for a moment before he finally nodded his head. He knew that even if he stayed behind, he would be of no aid to Lin Dong and he would only add on to his burden.

When he saw Mo Ling and the rest retreating, Lin Dong finally turned around, before he stared at this large hall, which was now in a state of emergency. Right now, this large hall had been completely surrounded by these stone statues and it really felt like it was a one way ticket to hell.

Evidently, everyone within the large hall had a grim expression. Even that Chen Mu, who boasted that he used five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills to attack Nirvana stage, had a steely-green expression. He understood that against fifteen stone statues that were as powerful at a Nirvana stage practitioner, though he was a so-called five hundred thousand pills Nirvana stage practitioner, even if he used a million Nirvana Pills, he would still be pummeled into shreds.

“Brother Lin Dong, at this juncture, it is best if we cooperate.”

Currently, Mo Ling, Liu Yuan and the rest also wisely cushioned up to Lin Dong. When he saw this sight, Lin Dong did not know whether to laugh or to be angry. Those guys were clearly trying to take shelter behind his Soul Puppet. However, at this juncture, his Blood Soul Puppet would likely have little impact. After all, all these stone statues were even more powerful than Nirvana stage

practitioners.

Right now, the large hall was basically split into three factions. The first one is Yang City, the next is Millennial Ice Empire and Great Crow Empire, and the final one is the Devil Cliff Empire.

However, disregarding which faction they belong to, the one that had to be most wary of is the Nirvana stage stone statues that were lurking after them.

Dong! Dong!

The frozen atmosphere in the large hall did not last for a long time, before those stone statues began to tremble violently. Following which, their footsteps rumbled as they charged viciously towards the crowd in the large hall.

Perhaps it was because they felt that Lin Dong's faction was the weakest, there were only two stone statues charging towards them. Nonetheless, it was enough to cause Ling Zhi and the rest's faces to turn solemn.

"I will take care of one statue and I will leave the other one to the two of you. The rest of you quickly back off!" As he stared at those intimidating stone statues rushing towards them, Lin Dong tilted his head before he shouted at the Ling Zhi duo.

"Alright!"

When they saw Lin Dong volunteer to handle one stone statue, the Ling Zhi duo viciously gritted their teeth. The both of them were almost Nirvana stage practitioners and if they combined forces, they should be able to match up against a Nirvana stage practitioner. The only thing that had to hope for was that no other statues would attack them. Else, they would be completely wiped out.

Swoosh!

Lin Dong did not speak anymore. That was because that pressurizing stone statue had already charged towards him. Immediately, his figure flashed before he dashed out. As his feet executed Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps, his body transformed into a wisp of green smoke before he dodged that attack.

At the same time, Ling Zhi and Liu Yuan pushed the Yuan Power in their bodies to their limits before they clashed valiantly against another Nirvana stage stone statue.

Boom! Boom!

That stone statue waved its large stone fists, before it viciously swung its fists at Lin Dong. Meanwhile, the air beneath its fist was directly compressed before it transformed into a formless shockwind and viciously surrounded Lin Dong.

Right now, Lin Dong's expression was exceedingly solemn. Though there was a golden glow flowing beneath his skin, that

terrifying incoming shockwind still hurt his skin. In fact, if it were a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, just this shockwind alone would probably be enough to kill him.

Lin Dong did not plan on fighting head-on with that stone status. He utilized his Supreme Purity Sky Wanderer Steps as he continuously avoided that stone statue's powerful attacks. However, that incoming shockwind still caused his skin to hurt. Nonetheless, he could feel that thanks to this formidable pressure, the golden glow beneath his skin was becoming more solid.

“Lin Dong, this is not checkmate and there must be a way to resolve this situation. Furthermore, the mysterious ancient key has yet to appear and it must have something to do with the solution. The key to resolving this situation must lie in this large hall!” Just as Lin Dong was busy avoiding the stone statue's attacks, Little Marten's voice suddenly sounded out in his heart.

When he heard Little Marten's words, Lin Dong's eyes narrowed. The latter had been through alot and it was extremely wise and experienced. Therefore, Lin Dong always had a certain degree of trust in Little Marten's advice. Immediately, his eyes swept across the large hall.

Right now, there were chaotic battles scattered across the large hall. Meanwhile, the energy shockwaves emitted from the Millennial Ice Empire and Devil Cliff Empire were the most potent. That was because most of the stone statues were attacking them and they were truly struggling against such a powerful foe. Even that Chen Mu was being forced into a rather pitiful state by three Nirvana stone statues. In fact, if he had not used some peculiar

body techniques, he would have likely been injured.

Right now, everyone was completely concentrated on fighting and they could not afford any distractions. At this rate, their worst case scenario will materialize. After all, they are only humans and humans will tire out. However, these stone statues will never tire out and it would not cease to attack them until they are all dead.

“Boom!”

Lin Dong's toe tapped in mid-air, before his body slid off and avoided a powerful incoming fist from that stone statue. Then, his eyes suddenly stopped.

Lin Dong's eyes were concentrated at the temple wall in the middle of the large hall. At that wall, there was also a stone statue guarding it. However, that stone statue seemed slightly different from the rest. It was the only stone statue that was directly facing the large hall, while the rest of the stone statues were facing it from the side.

“That stone statue seems to be modelled after someone's appearance...”

As he stared at those stone statues which held an angry, happy, surprised and other varied emotions, Lin Dong contemplated for a moment. Could it be that all these stone statues were modelled after a person's appearance?

Lin Dong's eyes once again glanced at that stone statue. Unlike the other stone statues, even after awakening, that stone statue did not attack them. Instead, he sat quietly in the the middle of the large hall and observed the ongoing battles.

Lin Dong's eyes glimmered, while a thought quickly flashed across his mind. In the next instance, he viciously gritted his teeth, before his figure flashed. Following which, he upped his speed as he directly dashed towards that stone statue.

“Dong! Dong!”

Behind him, that stone statue that was attacking him seemed to have detected something as well, as its footsteps rumbled while it chased viciously after Lin Dong.

“Swoosh!”

Lin Dong's figure sped across the large hall just like an arrow before he quickly appeared in front of that stone statue. Then, without further ado, he viciously bit his teeth before he rammed his fist against that stone statue.

Bang!

A golden glow flowed beneath Lin Dong's fist. After his vicious punch, that stone statue was immediately filled with countless cracks, before it exploded with a loud bang.

The instant that statue exploded, a glowing ball shot out violently from within that statue. Meanwhile, the instant that glowing ball appeared, every statue in the large hall suddenly froze before they transformed back into lifeless statues.

This sudden change took everyone by surprise, before they all turned to look at Lin Dong, only to see a peculiar glowing ball that had just shot out.

“Lin Dong, grab that item. It is the mysterious ancient key!”

Right now, Little Marten’s delighted voice sounded out inside Lin Dong’s heart and caused a tinge of delight to surge into his eyes. It seems like it was right after all!

Chapter 450: Lady Dressed In Red

Although the bundle of light's appearance was very sudden, there was no one in the place who did not have keen senses. Thus, the instant the light bundle appeared, numerous gazes immediately swept over, before everyone's pupils abruptly shrunk.

The bundle of light squirmed. Within it, an exquisite mysterious key was faintly discernable. A unique undulation spread outwards, causing one's heart to tremble.

Mysterious Ancient Key!

A spark flashed in everyone's minds. In the next moment, practically everyone suddenly rushed forth and ferociously grabbed at the light bundle, ignoring the relentlessly chasing Nirvana Nest Stone Statues.

Upon seeing this, Lin Dong coldly chuckled. He was the one who had solved the puzzle, how could he let these fellows enjoy the final reward?

Previously, when that soft noise rang out, Lin Dong had already swiftly dashed forward. He was the person nearest to the light bundle, hence, he was naturally the first to grab it.

“Kid, you plan on dying?”

When the fastest person, Chen Mu, saw the light bundle that was

just about to be his snatched away by Lin Dong, a vicious look immediately surfaced on his stern face as he shouted.

From his point of view, Lin Dong was practically not even worth talking about. If the latter did not possess a Soul Puppet, Chen Mu would have taken action long ago and directly shred Lin Dong into pieces. However, Chen Mu never imagined that after Lin Dong offended their Devil Cliff Empire, not only did he not flee for his life, he instead still dared to snatch away food from the jaws of a tiger. His actions undoubtedly totally pissed off Mu Chen.

However, his vicious threat clearly had no effect on Lin Dong. If he was truly afraid of the Devil Cliff Empire, he would not fight over the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree. Since there was already enmity between them, why would it matter if he deepened it a little?

Thus, the corners of Lin Dong's curled in response to Chen Mu's shout as he firmly grabbed the light bundle.

Ch!

The instant Lin Dong's hand touched the light bundle, it abruptly shivered before a formidable energy exploded, directly blowing away Chen Mu and the rest who were about to arrive. In contrast, Lin Dong did not feel any impact at all.

A pillar of light extended from the light bundle, quickly enveloping Lin Dong. In the next moment, Lin Dong's figure had strangely disappeared under Chen Mu and the rest's alarmed and

furious gazes.

Buzz buzz.

As Lin Dong's figure disappeared, the light pillar started to shrink at a speed which can be seen with the naked eye. Upon seeing this, Chen Mu and the rest's expressions immediately changed as they abruptly raised their speed to the limit, intent on charging into the pillar of light.

Inside the large hall, countless splitting wind noises echoed out, as several figures dashed towards that shrinking light pillar. However, the rate at which the pillar shrunk accelerated and it seemed like the crowds were not going to be fast enough.

Swish!

Under the stares of the crowd, just as that light pillar was about to disappear, a beautiful phantom-like figure suddenly shot out from within the crowd, before it headed into the light pillar and disappeared.

After that mysterious beautiful figure leapt into that light pillar, that light pillar finally vanished completely. Following which, Chen Mu and the rest, who were dashing over were all left empty-handed, as they stared at that empty large hall, before their expression turned grim.

Hua Yun and the rest had a slightly ugly expression on their face.

However, it was not as twisted as Chen Mu as they only glanced in disappointment at this sight. Evidently, this light pillar must have transported Lin Dong and that beautiful mysterious figure to the Mysterious Ancient Key location. Since they had just advanced to Nirvana stage, they knew that it was impossible for them to track them down. Therefore, this trip ended up as a failure.

“I am going to wait right here. I don’t believe that you won’t show up again!”

Chen Mu’s eyes were blood-red and he looked just like a desperate gambler that had lost. His face was twisted while his words were filled with potent killing intent, and it caused one’s hair to stand.

The instant his body disappeared, Lin Dong felt a dizzy sensation emerged from deep within his brain. At the same time, his eyes blacked out. Though this sudden development took him by surprise, it did not last for a long while, before the darkness in front of his eyes were shattered and replaced by the dim glow of light.

There was an extremely vast arena right in front of Lin Dong. That arena was forged from black granite rocks and it gave off an ancient yet sturdy sensation. However, Lin Dong’s attention was not wavered by this surroundings. Instead, he focused right on the central spot of that arena. At that spot, he saw a figure seated down.

The sudden appearance of another person caused Lin Dong to tense up. However, he promptly realize that there was no trace of

life in that figure. Evidently, it was only a corpse.

Lin Dong's figure flashed before he appeared in front of that corpse. After he quickly took a glance at it, he was promptly shocked to realize that corpse was still completely intact. If it were not for the fact that there were no traces of life within, anyone would have mistaken it for a live human. Nonetheless, this was not what shocked Lin Dong the most. Instead, he found out that the corpse's appearance was actually identical to the stone statues in that large hall.

“This man must be the owner of the stone hall.” Lin Dong's eyes glimmered, before he looked down. Then, he saw that there was actually an old yellow key in that corpse's palms. That key could be held by two palms and it looked like it was made from a rather unique material. It looked like wood, yet it was not wood. At the same time, there were several peculiar tattoos inscribed on it. Faintly, a heart palpitating sensation emerged from it.

“Mysterious Ancient Key!”

When Lin Dong saw that ancient wooden key, his eyes lit up immediately. Even though he had already seen a strange key in that stone hall previously, when this key appeared, he immediately knew that he had seen the real deal.

Lin Dong's eyes were burning red. This time around, he did not hesitate at all as he directly reached for that mysterious ancient key.

“Swoosh!”

However, the instant Lin Dong stretched out his arm, a powerful shock wind emerged from behind him. This sudden development caused Lin Dong to be shocked. However, he promptly jerked his hand, before a red glow shot out from within his palm and transformed into a sturdy figure before it shielded his back.

Clang!

A crisp sound echoed out, while an alarming shockwind swept forth and it actually caused Lin Dong to retreat several steps. Finally, he lifted his head up solemnly and glanced towards the distance. Immediately, his expression froze.

That was because the person he saw was not Chen Mu, Hua Yun or the rest like he had expected. Instead, it was a lady dressed in a red skirt.

That lady had a slim and alluring figure and she looked extremely elegant. Her overflowing ink-like black hair and her beautiful face that looked just like a cherry blossom gave off a seductive tinge. Together with her beautiful and alluring eyes, she caused one's heart to flutter.

This was the first time Lin Dong saw such a beautiful lady at the ancient battlefield.

“Haha, this little brother, this sister is also after the mysterious

ancient key. How about you let me have it?” That lady dressed in red smiled as she looked at Lin Dong. Her voice was extremely playful and seductive. Therefore, even though her request was completely outlandish, it was difficult for anyone to be angry at her.

When he heard her words, Lin Dong released a dry smile. Thankfully, he was not a man who would completely lose his senses after meeting a beautiful lady. Furthermore, he was clearly aware that his lady was no simple pushover.

The fact that she could surpass a practitioner like Chen Mu and head into this area indicated that she possessed extraordinary skills. Furthermore, Lin Dong failed to detect her presence during that chaotic battle before. Evidently, this lady was secretly concealing herself and watching the show. Her abilities and intellect far exceeds that of any ordinary woman.

“Since this sister sounds so magnanimous, how about you don’t snatch my tool? This does not fit your image as a classy lady.” Lin Dong smiled as his eyes glanced at that mysterious ancient key in the hands of that corpse.

“This sister is no saint, therefore I do not have to act like a classy lady. In fact, I prefer to be an unreasonable bitch.” That lady dressed in red smiled coyly. Promptly, she gently gripped her soft jade-like hands before a fiery-red whip immediately appeared. As she gently swung her whip, it seemed like it was even able to forcefully blow apart the surrounding air. Meanwhile, the vibrations emitted from it caused Lin Dong’s pupils to shrink. It seems like this lady was even more powerful than Chen Mu.

That lady dressed in red grinned as she stared right at Lin Dong. Meanwhile, her fiery-red whip was just like a snake as it deftly coiled around her body. At the same time, a formless pressure emerged from her body and caused Lin Dong's body to feel sluggish.

This woman is not going to be easy to deal with.

“Heh heh, Chen Mu and the rest are definitely still outside waiting. Even if you obtain the Ancient Mysterious Key, you will still be unable to leave.” Lin Dong's gaze swivelled as he spoke.

“Chen Mu? Demonic Cliff Empire?” When she heard his words, that lady dressed in red gently pursed her lips and revealed a tinge of pride and nonchalance. However, she did not elaborate. Instead, she stared at Lin Dong before she smiled and said: “Little brother, do you want to abandon it or do you want to play with this big sister? I believe based on your Soul Puppet alone, it would be a little difficult to stop this sister...”

“Since you want that mysterious ancient key so much, I would not be a gentleman if I continued to fight with you.” Lin Dong shrugged his shoulders. The words that he spoke caused that lady in red clothes to smile. However, she promptly disposed Lin Dong in her heart. She did not like men who backed off so easily.

“Then, let me thank this little brother...”

Of course, this lady dressed in red clothes would not express her

true intentions. Instead, she coyly smiled, before she jerked the whip in her hand and targeted the mysterious ancient key in the palm of that corpse.

“Pi!”

However, the instant that whip lashed out, that Blood Soul Puppet, that was quietly standing still, suddenly shot out, before its vicious fist wind unceremoniously slammed against that lady.

Since she had already lashed out her whip, it was not possible to recall it to defend herself. Nonetheless, this lady dressed in red clothes was fairly skilled and she only took a few steps back before she managed to deftly avoid the Blood Soul Puppet’s attack. At the same time, the whip in her hand missed its target and landed on the ground beside the corpse and left a crack on it.

Just as that whip landed on the ground, Lin Dong’s figure lightning-quick appeared beside that corpse. Then, he stared at that lady dressed in red clothes, whose beautiful eyes were now burning in rage, before he softly said.

“My apologizes, in my opinion, the mysterious ancient key is more attractive than you.”

After he spoke, his palm immediately grabbed onto that mysterious ancient key.

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Clearly, the unforeseen event slightly startled the red-dressed lady. She certainly did not expect Lin Dong to faint with his spear and use this opportunity to force her to retreat.

“Hehe, you are quite an interesting fellow. It seems that big sister has underestimated you. However, I’m afraid it will not be an easy task to snatch the Mysterious Ancient Key from me.”

Even though there were some unexpected changes to the situation, it was clear that Lin Dong had underestimated the lady’s capabilities as well. With a flick of the lady’s slender and lily-white hand, her blazing whip perked up abruptly and curved with a weird arc and lashed towards Lin Dong’s neck with a lightning speed.

Lin Dong could sense the might of the red-dressed lady’s retaliation. Thus, without any hesitation, he grasped his palms before his Heavenly Crocodile Spear appeared immediately. Following which, he quickly brandished his bone spear and stopped the incoming spiralling, blazing whip.

Clang!

When bone spear and fiery whip made contact, a series of sparks quickly erupted. After which, Lin Dong could feel waves of tingling sensation broke out in his arms. Deep in his mind, he was secretly shocked. The strength of this lady was far too powerful...

After doing his utmost to defend against the incoming blazing whip, Lin Dong then jolted his mind before his Blood Soul Puppet struck out once again. Violent sonic booms from its fist poured down onto the lady dressed in red like a torrential rain.

Evidently, compared to Lin Dong, that lady dressed in red was far more wary of his Blood Soul Puppet. As such, she suddenly brandished her lily-white hands before an equivalently powerful surge of deathly aura gushed from her body and collided directly with the Blood Soul Puppet.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

A muffled explosion resounded throughout the air as a forceful shock wave swept across the area.

While the lady dressed in red was caught up in a fierce fight with his Blood Soul Puppet, Lin Dong got tangled up with the fiery whip. As he was engaging with the fiery whip, his mind got increasingly alarmed. This lady was indeed extraordinary. Not only did she manage to maintain a neutral position in her battle with the Blood Soul Puppet, she was also able to divert her attention in controlling her blazing whip to entangle Lin Dong and prevent him from seizing the Mysterious Ancient Key.

It was also clear that the blazing whip was an incredible artifact and there was a scorching heat emitted from its surface. After merely making contact with it, Lin Dong could feel the blood in his body boiling. Luckily, he was able to use his Devouring Power to repress the whip's boiling effect on his blood.

“I can’t let this battle drag on any further.”

Lin Dong’s eyes flickered. The origin of this lady was unknown and mysterious. No one knew what mysterious artifacts or skills that she possessed. Given the current situation, it would be best to obtain the key and leave this place as soon as possible.

“I may not be on par with you, but aren’t you underestimating me, Lin Dong, by just using part of your attention to control an Earthly Soul Treasure to hinder me.”

Lin Dong then took a step backward. With a snap of his finger, a black glow shot out from his sleeves. The black glow expanded as it flew through the air and eventually materialized into a black-coloured mountain, which was precisely the Heavy Peak Prison.

Boom!

When the Heavy Peak Prison appeared, a dark radiance gushed out from it. Following which, a powerful and relentless gravitational force engulfed the blazing whip. Immediately, the nimble speed of the blazing whip began to dampen down. Upon seeing this, Lin Dong seized this opportunity to carry out his attack, which forced the blazing whip to gradually retreat.

“Little boy, you are indeed quite capable!” The red-dressed lady cried angrily as she furrowed her long, pencil-thin eyebrows. Clearly, she was distraught at the sight of her whip retreating.

Lin Dong remained silent. The voice of this lady was pleasant to hear. Even at this moment, her voice contained a flirtatious tone. However, Lin Dong knew that she would not hold back her ruthlessness during a real fight. If one's mind was to be swayed by her words, he was bound to be in trouble....

Lin Dong did not want this to happen, and therefore, he chose to ignore the red-dressed lady's words.

“Humph!”

When she saw Lin Dong ignoring her, the lady dressed in red snorted through her delicate nostrils. Soon after, a tinge of chilliness flashed across her peach-like eyes. She carried out a series of transforming hand-seals before a powerful energy wave gushed out from her slender and jade-white hands.

“Ying Yang Great Jade Palm!”

Surging Yuan Power gushed out like a torrent from the red-dressed lady's delicate palms. Within seconds, the surging Yuan Power transformed into a lustrous palm that was split evenly into black and white colours. Though that palm was not huge, the energy shockwaves undulated on that palm sufficed to ashen the face of Nirvana stage practitioner such as Hua Yun.

“Clank!”

Without any hesitation, that lustrous palm shot out directly and sealed itself on the chest of the Blood Soul Puppet with a lightning speed. At once, an astonishing energy wave swept across the area like a hurricane. After being struck by the red-dressed lady's palm, even the all-powerful Blood Soul Puppet was driven back several steps. Following which, a palm-like scar was imprinted on its chest.

“Swoosh!”

If this attack was to land on any Nirvana stage practitioner, he or she might suffer some injuries. However, the Blood Soul Puppet did not have any sensory receptors, and thus, once it stabilized itself, it could launch torrential attacks untiringly on the red-dressed lady without the slightest amount of hesitation.

Facing the death-unfearing Blood Soul Puppet, the lady dressed in red's eyes froze slightly and her teeth clenched lightly. Apparently, the Blood Soul Puppet was a thorny problem for her. Given her usual style, she would have taken her time and slowly beat down this Soul Puppet into a piece of scrap metal. However, she did not have the luxury of time now as Lin Dong was suppressing her fiery whip effortlessly on the other side. Her control over the fiery whip was getting weaker and weaker. If this carried on, the Mysterious Ancient Key would land on Lin Dong's hands sooner or later.

The beautiful, glittering eyes of the red-dressed lady flickered. After a moment, she clenched her teeth tightly and pointed her slender, fair finger towards the mid-air. A drop of scarlet essence blood seeped out from the tip of her finger before it lightning-

quick grew and transformed into an unusual blood symbol.

“Seal!”

The blood symbol engulfed the Blood Soul Puppet like a spiderweb.

“Thump!”

The Blood Soul Puppet struggled arduously in the blood symbol. However, the bloody web was extremely sturdy and the Blood Soul Puppet could not break out of it even after a while.

After momentarily trapping the Blood Soul Puppet, the red-dressed lady could finally shift her attention. At this point of time, her face was slightly pale. It seems like using that blood symbol had exhausted her energy significantly.

At this moment, the red-dressed lady stared viciously at Lin Dong. However, on her beautiful face, that expression actually gave off an seductive sensation instead.

“Little boy, you have truly pissed big sister off!” The red-dressed lady squinted her beautiful eyes and exclaimed when she saw Lin Dong rendered her blazing whip immovable.

Lin Dong shot a glance at his trapped Blood Soul Puppet. He was shocked by the red-dressed lady’s action as well. With a glint in his eyes, he abruptly took a step forward and reached for the

Mysterious Ancient Key that was in the corpse's hand.

The lady dressed in red had expected Lin Dong to do this. With a wave of her lily-white hand, a black and white, lustrous palm formed and blasted ferociously towards Lin Dong. If this attack was to hit Lin Dong, he would suffer injuries even with his Lesser Nirvana Golden Body.

As powerful gales accompanied the incoming attack, Lin Dong's facial expression changed drastically. However, a fierce look appeared on his face eventually. He decided not to dodge or move and continued reaching out his hand. Finally, he managed to grab the Mysterious Ancient Key firmly with his hand.

As Lin Dong grabbed the Mysterious Ancient Key, the lady dressed in red's attack became extremely deadly at the same time. However, just as the lustrous palm was about to strike Lin Dong, a bulky serpent tail that was emitting purplish-black energy shot out from Lin Dong's sleeves and collided firmly with the lustrous palm.

Bang!

A sharp and crisp sound resonated through the air and a gust of strong wind swept across the area. Even Lin Dong was driven back several steps before he could stabilize his body. After seeing the serpent tail retracting quickly into his sleeves, he knew that it was Little Marten and Little Flame that combined forces to help him secretly.

“Lin Dong, channel your Yuan Power into the Mysterious Ancient Key. This dimension exists within the Mysterious Ancient Key. If you can control the Mysterious Ancient Key, you can forcefully kick this lady out of this place!” Little Marten’s voice rang urgently across Lin Dong’s mind.

Upon hearing these words, Lin Dong twitched his mind. Without the slightest amount of hesitation, a surge of Yuan Power gushed through his hand into the Mysterious Ancient Key.

Since the Mysterious Ancient Key did not belong to anyone, Lin Dong’s Yuan Power could be channelled into it without any obstruction. At this moment, he could sense that he had an absolute control over this dimension.

Lin Dong raised his head and beamed at the red-dressed lady. At this point of time, the latter clenched her teeth and grasped her hands as if she had sensed something. After a short while, she suddenly smiled sweetly and spoke coquettishly, “Little boy, you’re not that heartless, right?”

Lin Dong spread out his hands and chose to ignore the red-dressed lady’s alluring smile. He then grinned, “I have no choice. If I’m not heartless, I might be the one who get kick out of here...”

While speaking, Lin Dong waved the Mysterious Ancient Key that was in his hand lightly. Immediately, the surrounding dimension began to shift. A pillar of light shot out of thin air and engulfed the red-dressed lady. The latter’s body became faintly discernable in the pillar of light.

As the red-dressed lady engulfed by the light pillar, a reddish-green glow appeared on her face. However, she did have an excellent self-restraint. Even at this moment, she was still smiling charmingly at Lin Dong. Yet the words that came out of her mouth made Lin Dong cringed.

“You are Lin Dong, right? Fine, this time around, big sister lost to you. However, do not assume that you have defeated me. You have only obtained a mere Mysterious Ancient Key. Big sister will wait for you in the ancient trove, but by then, if you are still this weak, don’t blame big sister for being merciless...”

“Remember big sister’s name, Mu Hongling. I’m afraid you won’t be so lucky next time around....”

After Lin Dong saw the red-dressed lady disappeared completely into the light pillar, he finally heaved a long sigh. This lady was truly troublesome....

Chapter 452: A Sudden Change

After that lady dressed in red clothes, called Mu Hongling was forcefully kicked out of this domain, Lin Dong finally heaved a sigh of relief. Following which, he waved his palm before his Blood Soul Puppet destroyed that Blood Symbol Seal and quickly landed beside Lin Dong.

“I wonder where that lady came from. Even the Blood Soul Puppet could not handle her...” Lin Dong glanced at that palm print on the chest of his Blood Soul Puppet, before he promptly furrowed his brows. That lady was probably even stronger than Chen Mu and her methods were truly peculiar. Previously, she was actually able to trap his Blood Soul Puppet. If Little Flame and Little Marten had not secretly combined forces to help him, Lin Dong may be forced to resort to his final move.

Now that he had managed to chase her away, Lin Dong can be considered as the victor for this tussle. However, Lin Dong knew that he had now offended that lady. Though that Mu Hongling was beautiful and she spoke eloquently, Lin Dong knew that beautiful women were the hardest to deal with. Since he had offended her today, it would definitely cause problems in the future.

After furrowing his brows and contemplating for a moment, Lin Dong smiled. It was still too early to worry about this matter. Regardless of that woman's background, he must obtain the mysterious ancient key. Therefore, even if he was given another chance to choose again, his decision would remain the same.

In order to become a truly powerful practitioner, he must not

fear anyone.

“Hehe, that woman is truly something. Most ordinary men cannot handle her...” Little Marten flashed and appeared, before it smiled and said to Lin Dong.

Lin Dong rolled his eyes at him. Following which, he shook the mysterious ancient key in his hand, before he said: “Let’s go. Since we have gotten what we need, it’s time to leave.”

“Why do you want to leave now? If you leave now you will be teleported back to that large hall. Furthermore, Chen Mu and even Mu Hongling had previously warned that they would be waiting for you outside. Are you trying to court death?” Little Marten chuckled as it said.

When he heard his words, Lin Dong’s expression changed drastically. If Chen Mu, Mu Hong and the rest were waiting outside for him, he would genuinely be in dire straits. Regardless, currently, he was still unable to fight against a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner. Even though he had his Blood Soul Puppet and he could summon the Ancient Heavenly Crocodile, against those Nirvana stage practitioner, the odds still did not favour him.

“But I can’t hide in here forever as well...” Lin Dong hesitantly said.

“Idiot. Didn’t you obtain that tree veins symbol? Since it is peaceful in here, you can directly borrow the strength of that symbol and advance to Heavenly Symbol Master. At that time, you

will possess the qualifications to match up to a Nirvana stage practitioner and you would no longer need to fear Chen Mu and the rest.” Little Marten said.

Lin Dong was hesitant for a moment before delight promptly gushed into his eyes. Evidently, he had almost forgotten about the tree veins symbol that he had just obtained. Once he had advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master, he would be equivalent to a Nirvana stage practitioner. At that time, he would no longer need to fear Chen Mu...

After all, only a Nirvana stage practitioner had the right to speak in the ancient battlefield.

Since he had made up his mind, without further ado, Lin Dong directly sat down. Following which, he gripped his palm, before that life-like tree veins symbol immediately appeared in his hands.

The tree vein symbol gave off a leaf-green glow and there were signs of life emerged from within. Amidst its potent life-force, there seems to be an even more formidable energy within. Just from gripping it, Lin Dong felt as if his Mental Energy was soaking in a sauna, as a warm vibration continuously extended in his Niwan Palace

“It is indeed the Heavenly Symbol Spirit Tree...”

As he sensed that powerful yet peculiar energy, a tinge of admiration flashed across Lin Dong’s eyes.

“This tree veins symbol came from nature and it is exceptionally difficult to refine it. Thankfully, you possess the Devouring Ancestral Symbol so you do not have to stress over it. However, whether you can advance to Heavenly Symbol Master after absorbing it will depend on your own fate.” Standing aside, Little Marten said.

Lin Dong gently tugged his sleeves, before Little Marten shot out from within it. After it released a low growl, it directly transformed into battle mode and stationed itself beside Lin Dong.

Even though there was no one else in this vast domain, Lin Dong still chose to play it safe. Therefore, should any unforeseen circumstances occur, he would be able to handle it.

When he saw Little Marten, Little Flame and the Blood Soul Puppet guarding him, Lin Dong finally relaxed. Following which, he gently shut both of his eyes, before that tree veins symbol in his palm slowly floated up, before it finally stopped in front of his forehead. Meanwhile, a leaf-green like glow glimmered within. However, it did not seep out. It seems what Little Marten said is indeed true and it was very difficult to refine this object.

However, since Lin Dong possessed the Ancestral Devouring Symbol, this evidently posed little problems for him. The Ancestral Devouring Symbol specializes in devouring and refining and any energy source would be transformed into primal energy thanks to that Ancestral Symbol...

With a flick of his mind, that Devouring Ancestral Symbol, that was hovering in Lin Dong's Niwan palace, leapt out from his head.

Then, it squirmed before it directly transformed into a black hole. As that black hole slowly grew, it directly enveloped that sturdy tree veins symbol.

Buzz! Buzz!

The Devouring Force swarmed in from every direction. That tree veins symbol, that originally refused to budge regardless of what Lin Dong did, finally started to tremble, before traces of leaf-green like energy were forcefully pulled out. Finally, it was swallowed by that black hole surrounding it. At the same time, after it was refined, streams of peculiar energy slowly trickled out before they passed through Lin Dong's scalp and entered into his Nirwan palace.

As those peculiar leaf-green like energy gushed in, a revolutionary change began to occur in Lin Dong's Niwana place, just as if fire had met snow.

Originally, his Niwana Palace was scattered and chaotic with the Ancestral Devouring Symbol seated right in the middle. Looking ahead, it was extremely chaotic just like virgin land.

However, thanks to the infusion of this peculiar life-like leaf-green energy, a transformation finally occurred as it became less chaotic and it began to split apart just like Heaven and Earth, while light and darkness finally descended...

Lin Dong naturally realized the sudden changes that were occurring in his Niwan palace. However, he did not panic and he

was delighted instead. That was because he knew that in order to advance to Heavenly Symbol Master, he must destroy the chaos in his Niwana palace and create a new world in order to sync with the outside world. Only then, would be able to freely utilize the energy in the universe to its full potential.

However, it was evidently no simple task to create a new world in his Niwan palace. Even with streams of peculiar life-like energy continuously gushing in from that tree veins symbol, it was still going to take some time...

Nonetheless, Lin Dong was already well aware and prepared. If it was so easy to advance to Heavenly Symbol Master, it would truly be unfair to those practitioners who had to painstakingly gather Nirvana pills in order to attack Nirvana stage.

One had to go through a slow and careful process in order to obtain a fine product.

Lin Dong was quietly seated within the serene mysterious ancient key domain, while a black hole in front of him slowly extended. In the center of that black hole, was a magical tree veins symbol. Right now, that symbol continuously trembled, while streams of pure and potent energy, filled with life, endlessly gushed out, before they poured into his Niwan palace and helped him to shape a new world.

Beside him, Little Marten and Little Flame quietly sat still and waited for him. This time around, if Lin Dong could successfully advance to Heavenly Symbol Master, he would be join the ranks of the elite in the ancient battlefield...

The domain was silent. However, just as Little Marten concentrated on taking care of Lin Dong, none of them realized that a trace of life-like energy had slowly seeped out from that black hole before it was finally absorbed by that nearby corpse.

Buzz.

Faintly, a mysterious glow flashed beneath that corpse's lifeless skin.

Lin Dong knew that it was going to be a while before he could create a new world in his Niwan Palace. However, he never expected that a whole month had passed since he shut his eyes.

In this one month's time, his body had not moved at all. Meanwhile, that formidable glow from that tree veins symbol had evidently dimmed down. Furthermore, all of the energy within had almost been completely drained by Lin Dong.

Standing aside, when Little Marten saw that darkening tree veins symbol, its heart sank. It could detect that Lin Dong's Mental Energy had grown at an alarming rate over this past month. However, it was still insufficient for him to breakthrough to Heavenly Symbol Master. Furthermore, if Lin Dong was unable to create a new world before the energy within the tree veins symbol runs out, his dream of advancing to Heavenly Symbol Master would have to be delayed. This was not good news for them.

While Little Marten fretted over their situation, another three

days had passed. Finally, that tree veins symbol within that black hole violently shook before it disappeared with a loud bang.

“Sigh.”

When it saw this sight, Little Marten softly sighed. While it sighed, Lin Dong, who had shut his eyes for over a month, finally slowly opened his eyes. There was a tinge of disappointment and regret in his eyes.

“Just a little more...”

Lin Dong helpless shook his head. Obviously, he did not expect that even after borrowing the strength of the tree veins symbol, he was still unable to breakthrough to Heavenly Symbol Master.

With his eyes filled with disappointment, just as Lin Dong stood up, an new event suddenly occurred. Standing nearby, that corpse suddenly exploded, before a peculiar greyish light beam shot out quickly before it tunneled into Lin Dong’s mind. Instantly, the latter’s body froze.

“Takeover!”

Standing aside, Little Marten was stunned by this sight. Promptly, an icy-cold aura shot out from its eyes.

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This sudden change of events surprised everyone and even the sharp-witted Little Marten did not expect this to happen. However, it was very quick to react, immediately sensing something as its eyes turned frighteningly grim. This was the first time it had shown such a heart palpitating expression since the day it had first met Lin Dong.

“Takeover!”

Little Marten was fuming with rage as this ghastly word seeped through its clenched teeth. Soon after, it shifted its gaze towards the blown up corpse. The greyish light beam should be a Mental Energy Brand left behind by the dead practitioner. Usually, this kind of Mental Energy Brand would not activate if Lin Dong did not touch the corpse. However, while Lin Dong was devouring the tree veins symbol, the life energy that was given off must have activated the Mental Energy Brand, causing it to rise up with the intent of forcibly taking over Lin Dong’s body.

Roar!

Little Flame seemed to have sensed something too. Its blazing scales twinkled with a red radiance as it continuously bellowed in Lin Dong’s direction.

Lin Dong’s body laid rigidly on the floor. His eyes had become dull and appeared to be in a struggle from time to time. Currently, his Niwan Palace was in chaos. The greyish light beam that

invaded his Niwan Palace had become an extremely terrifying hurricane with its brutal ripping force eager to thoroughly tear apart Lin Dong's Mental Energy.

This was the first time Lin Dong had come across such a situation. He could feel an extremely gloomy and cold energy from the greyish light beam. The greyish light beam appeared to have some sort of intelligence. Its objective was extremely obvious; to destroy Lin Dong's Mental Energy and cause him to lose control of his own body.

“God dammit!”

Even though Lin Dong was a little frantic due to this scene, he did not lose himself to fear. Furthermore, it was not as if he did not know how to deal with such a situation. Instead, he had tactfully retracted his Mental Energy and hid within the Devouring Ancestral Symbol.

The grey hurricane wreaked havoc in Lin Dong's Niwan Palace and it was extremely dangerous. Luckily, Lin Dong had the Devouring Ancestral Symbol as his guardian. Even though he did know how to deal with this situation for a moment, but with help of the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, he could defend himself safely behind it and stop the greyish light beam's hurricane from invading his body any further.

“Hand me your body and I shall grant you unlimited power!”

The greyish light beam tried to invade Lin Dong's body with its

hurricane for a few times but still could not break the latter's steel-like defense. Suddenly, an extremely weak but sinister voice came through the hurricane.

“Get out of here, you bastard!”

At this moment, Lin Dong was already incensed at the unexpected calamity. Therefore, when he heard the unknown voice, he immediately broke into a fit of rage.

“You actually possess a mystical artifact in the Devouring Ancestral Symbol. However, because of your weak body, you can't activate your Mental Energy effectively. Once I get the control over your body, I will let you lead a grand life that is full of glory!” A menacing voice came through the hurricane once again. After which, the hurricane expanded abruptly. A terrifying, heaven and earth-crushing force accompanied the hurricane and blasted towards the Devouring Ancestral Symbol.

Upon seeing this, Lin Dong did not dare to slack off. He could sense that the greyish light beam was not particularly powerful, yet its Mental Energy-controlling skills were of several levels higher than Lin Dong's. Therefore, even though the latter possessed the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, he could only use it for defense purposes.

“Creak!”

As the hurricane collided against the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, a tremendous pressure broke out abruptly. Waves of

pressuring force dissipated and this caused Lin Dong's facial expression to change drastically. However, a surge of ruthlessness soon gushed through his mind. With a twitch of his mind, he frantically activated his Devouring Power. This time around, his attack appeared to be going straight for the hurricane. Lin Dong actually wanted to devour this entity of an unknown origin forcefully!

“Humph!”

Lin Dong's action went beyond the mysterious entity's expectations. At once, it gave off a dull snort and the frantically spinning hurricane unexpectedly stopped the Devouring Power. However, from time to time, the entity did not manage to obtain much result. Thus, the collision between the hurricane and the Devouring Power ended up in a stalemate.

“Lad, it's your fortune to be chosen by Your Lord. If you are still so stubborn, Your Lord will crush your Mental State thoroughly and make you vanish into the thin air!” A cold and angry voice rumbled through the hurricane. Apparently, the entity did not expect Lin Dong to be so troublesome.

“Crush? Are you even qualified to say such things? Once you are dead, stay dead then. How dare you create troubles in front of Grandpa Marten, do you think I can't subdue you!?”

However, just as these angry words left Little Marten's mouth, gigantic waves swept up in Lin Dong's Niwan Palace. With a sharp roar, an extremely huge claw appeared and ferociously grabbed onto the hurricane. It's tremendous strength then forced the

hurricane to retreat.

“Little Marten!” Lin Dong was surprised to see a sudden helping hand from Little Marten.

Gigantic waves were surging in Lin Dong’s Niwan Palace. Amongst the chaos, an incredibly huge monster could be faintly seen. Its enormous wings were huge enough to hide the sky and block out the Sun. It was as if the monster was above everything else, portraying a terrifying image.

Lin Dong’s state of mind was in shock as he stared at the enormous monster in the chaos. This must be Little Marten’s true body. He did not expect it to be so intimidating.

“Celestial Demon Marten?”

A shocking voice came through the hurricane. Clearly, the entity had identified the enormous monster.

“What an ignorant fool that can’t be in peace even when you’re dead.... How dare you, a mere remnant of a Mental Energy Brand, incite trouble here. However, since you have appeared, you shall not escape from here!”

The voice of the enormous beast was piercing and tyrannical. As it flapped its two huge wings, two tornados swept up and bombarded the hurricane with a lightning speed.

Even though Little Marten only had a Demonic Spirit Body, its mastery of Mental Energy far exceeded Lin Dong's. Therefore, it was far more powerful than Lin Dong in the Niwan Palace. All of its movements erupted with terrifying powers.

Bang!

The hurricane was driven back forcefully by the two tornados until the point that it exploded thoroughly. Then, a faintly discernible grey shadow appeared in Lin Dong's mind.

The entire body of the grey shadow was nearly transparent. However, his appearance could still be vaguely seen. To Lin Dong's astonishment, the grey shadow looked exactly like the corpse that he had seen previously!

"Sure enough, it's that fellow who is creating troubles!" Lin Dong cursed in rage. He almost fell into the hands of this dead man today.

"Celestial Demon Marten, I just want the body of this lad. You are merely in the form of Demonic Spirit. If Your Lord can resurrect, I will revive you as well! Why are you safeguarding a nameless scrub!" The grey shadow roared as it glared fearfully at the enormous monster.

"Grandpa Marten has followed this lad for so long and I never have had such intention before. An outsider like you actually dare to do this in front of Grandpa Marten! Give me your life now!"

Upon hearing Little Marten's piercing scream, if Lin Dong could show his emotions now, his face would be unsightly.

Apparently, Little Marten did not plan to give the grey shadow any chances. In the dark, the gigantic mouth of Little Marten, which was said to be able to swallow an entire mountain, opened up and a darkish-purple light beam shot out from it abruptly. The light beam then ripped through the chaos and landed ferociously onto the body of the grey shadow with a scary speed.

“Since you are dead, stop creating troubles and rest in peace!”

After the grey shadow heard Little Marten's chilly words, dread and fear swiped across his eyes. Soon after, his body exploded abruptly and the Mental Energy Brand was savagely blew up by Little Marten.

Woosh!

As the grey shadow exploded, a surge of powerful and vigorous Mental Energy erupted in Lin Dong's Niwan Palace.

“Lin Dong, devour these Mental Energy and attack the Heaven Symbol Master's stage!” Little Marten's voice rang across Lin Dong's ears as the Mental Energy began to dissipate.

Upon hearing what was said, Lin Dong was slightly startled but nodded his head fiercely. With a jolt of his mind, his Devouring Ancestral Symbol activated and became a massive black hole. It

then barbarically devoured all the Mental Energy that was produced by the destroyed Mental Energy Brand.

With the absorption of such massive amount of Mental Energy, Lin Dong's Niwan Palace began to fluctuate. The existing chaos began to subside and the Heaven and Earth in the Niwan Palace started to split apart. Vaguely, thunder rolls could be heard as well.

At this moment, the Niwan Palace had completely transformed into a mini world.

Just as the mini world split apart, a bizarre bell ring came through the depths of Lin Dong's mind. It seemed that the sorrowful bell ring had expanded Lin Dong's Mental Energy capacity.

As his Mental Energy became stronger, more and more Mental Energy gathered in the mini world with a lightning speed. Indistinctly, the Mental Energy began to coagulate into a real figure. This figure was the physical body of Lin Dong's mind!

No doubt, this physical body of Lin Dong's mind was countless times stronger than it was in the past. The Mental Energy that it emitted far exceeded the Mental Energy capacity that a high-grade Symbol Master could possess.

Heavenly Symbol Master!

Lin Dong clenched his fists and felt the surging Mental Energy in

his body. His eyes were gushing with ecstasy as well. He had finally reached this level!

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After the entity that invaded Lin Dong's mind was destroyed, the latter's rigid body gradually relaxed itself. Meanwhile, waves of terrifying Mental Energy continuously gushed out from his Niwan Palace, causing the mini world within to ripple.

Compared to before, Lin Dong's Mental Energy was now on a completely different scale. This transformation was akin to the power difference between the Manifestation and Nirvana stage!

Lin Dong's tightly shut eyes slowly opened as resplendent and almost solid-like Mental Energy shot out, directly tearing a long crack along the sturdy black marble floor. This Mental Energy had already reached a rather tyrannical level.

Upon seeing Lin Dong awaken, Little Flame's body armour erupted with a bright radiance before returning to its original state as it tenderly rubbed its large head against Lin Dong.

“Huu.”

Lin Dong spat out a mouthful of impure qi, a trace of lingering alarm in his eyes. Apparently, the previous unforeseen event had gravely frightened him. If not for Little Marten's help, it would have truly become extremely troublesome.

“This fellow is nothing good,” Little Marten commented as it appeared on Lin Dong's shoulder and glanced at the blown up corpse.

Lin Dong nodded his head. After devouring the greyish entity that had tried to takeover his body, Lin Dong managed to obtain some memories of the dead practitioner. These memories proved that this fellow was indeed a bad person. However, what pleasantly surprised Lin Dong was that there were some unique Mental Energy manipulation techniques among these memories. From Lin Dong's perspective, these techniques were akin to gifts from the heavens. Even though he had attained the rank of a Heaven Symbol Master, his knowledge on manipulating Mental Energy was still shallow. From these memories, he was able to learn numerous Mental Energy manipulation techniques and Secret Spirit Skills, which certainly filled up some of the gaps in his knowledge on Mental Energy.

Furthermore, while obtaining these experiences related to Mental Energy, he was also able to acquire information on the Ancient Treasure Trove as well.

From these vague memories, Lin Dong understood that the Ancient Treasure Trove was left behind by an extremely powerful sect. The treasures that existed within the Ancient Treasure Trove were extremely enticing. Besides this, the dead person who tried to takeover Lin Dong's body was not the actual guardian of the Ancient Treasure Trove. He obtained the Mysterious Ancient Key only after mounting a sneak attack on one of the Ancient Treasure Trove guardians. Even though he was able to successfully snatch the key, he was gravely injured by that particular guardian. As a result, he was forced to hide in this place to recuperate. Unexpectedly, he still died in the end and the key that he had obtained was conveniently taken by Lin Dong.

Moreover, the Mysterious Ancient Key in Lin Dong's hands was not the only key. There were four keys in total. Only by inserting all four keys at once could the Ancient Treasure Trove be opened.

“We still don't know who has obtained the other keys....”

Lin Dong furrowed his eyebrows. If the Ancient Treasure Trove was really that enticing, it would definitely attract numerous drooling treasure hunters. Those high rank empires would inevitably set out to snatch the keys as well. If news that he had obtained the key was leaked, it would bring considerable trouble.

As Lin Dong's thoughts reached this point, his eyes slightly narrowed before he smiled. He had not feared Nirvana stage practitioners such as Chen Mu even before he had attained the level of Heaven Symbol Master. Thus, now that he had become a Heaven Symbol Master, he would be able to do battle against Chen Mu without relying on the Blood Soul Puppet.

“This fellow turns out to be a great help at this dangerous juncture.”

As Lin Dong slowly digested the dead practitioner's memories, his eyes flushed with joy. Even though this fellow was perhaps not a good person while he was alive, he was considerably strong. Therefore, from Lin Dong's perspective, being able to obtain these experiences and memories were as good as acquiring a high grade Manifestation martial art.

“Little Marten, thanks for the help this time,” Lin Dong smiled a

little as he shifted his gaze towards Little Marten.

“Cut the crap, if you really want to thank me, help me obtain the Samsara pill,” Little Marten replied while rolling its eyes before continuing, “The levels of a Symbol Master are divided into seals. There are nine seals for the Heaven Symbol Master stage, which is identical to the nine Yuan Nirvana stages. At every advancement, the tiny world in your Niwan Palace will become more and more perfect. Once you reach the ninth seal, the tiny world will have completely transformed. When that moment comes, you can flip the land with a flick of your wrist.”

Lin Dong shrugged his shoulders and did not ask in detail about that transformation of the tiny world in his Niwan Palace. The current him was not even at the first seal of the Heaven Symbol Master yet, therefore, the ninth seal was unimaginably far off. Sometimes, it was not good to think too much.

“Relax, now that I have acquired the Mysterious Ancient Key, the Ancient Treasure Trove is a must-go place. Once we are there, I will do my utmost to obtain the Samsara pill...”

Lin Dong chuckled. For the past few years, the friendship between Little Marten and himself had grown increasingly deep. Even if Little Marten did not make this request, Lin Dong would still do his best to retrieve the Samsara pill for it.

Little Marten lazily acknowledged Lin Dong’s words. Even though Little Marten appeared nonchalant on the surface, a small trace of emotion still flashed across its eyes.

Lin Dong paid attention to Little Marten's reaction. He turned around and took a sweeping glance around the Mysterious Key dimension. Following which, he waved his hand and said, "Let's go, it's time to leave this place...."

After hiding here for a month, it was time for them to go. Given Lin Dong's current capabilities, even if Chen Mu and the rest were still guarding the stone temple, Lin Dong would be able to fend them off easily and retreat safely.

After making his decision, Lin Dong tarried no further. With a thought, the Mysterious Ancient Key in Lin Dong's hand began to emit a powerful light that engulfed Lin Dong and his counterparts. Their bodies became increasingly fainter and eventually disappeared from the Mysterious Key dimension.

As Lin Dong and his counterparts disappeared, the Mysterious Key dimension once again became silent and void of life.

As the darkness before Lin Dong's eyes disappeared like a receding tide, vigorous Mental Energy gushed out and formed an extremely powerful defense around his body. However, the attack he anticipated did not materialize. Lin Dong immediately heave a sigh of relief as he scanned his surroundings.

Instead of appearing in the stone temple, Lin Dong had appeared on an isolated mountain peak. After Lin Dong took a sweeping glance at his surroundings, a familiar feeling surged through his mind. Though he was not at the stone temple, this place was not

far from Thunder Granite Valley. As Lin Dong gazed into the distance, he could see Thunder Granite Valley that was within the mountain range.

“Tsk, it seems that the Mysterious Ancient Key is quite a valuable treasure,” Little Marten looked surprisingly at the Mysterious Ancient Key in Lin Dong’s hands before continuing, “It appears that once you activate this key, it will bring you into the void before starting to move. In the future, you will be able to hide in the Mysterious Key dimension if you encounter any dangers. As long as the individual you are dealing with is not exceptionally problematic, he or she will not be able to find out where you are hiding.”

Upon hearing these words, an amazed look flashed across Lin Dong’s face. Clearly, he had not expected the Mysterious Ancient Key to have such unique property. If this was so, he would have an escape route even if he encountered any dangers in future.

“It seems that the people in Thunder Granite Valley have left.”

Lin Dong was amazed for a while before he shifted his gaze beyond Thunder Granite Valley and saw numerous thunderous clouds gathering above the valley. From time to time, lightnings poured down in torrents, causing the entire valley to rumble with thunder.

The weather in Thunder Granite Valley was the most berserk at such a time. Even Chen Mu and his counterparts would not dare to stay so long in this place. Therefore, most groups had withdrawn from Thunder Granite Valley. This certainly allowed Lin Dong to

silently heave a sigh of relief. Even though he had reached the Heaven Symbol Master stage and had no fear of Chen Mu and his counterparts, it would still be troublesome if he was ambushed by them. Hence, it was naturally best to avoid such trouble.

“What do you plan to do now?” Little Marten asked as it glanced in the direction of the thunder-filled valley with a somewhat amazed look on its face.

“We will go back to Yang City and find Mo Ling and the rest.” Lin Dong pondered before replying. The Mo Ling trio had been following him since the beginning, thus Lin Dong had to ensure their safety no matter what. Furthermore, he was a little worried. Chen Mu was obviously no kind soul and was not easy to deal with. If he could not find Lin Dong, he might shift his attention to Mo Ling and the rest.

Chen Mu and his counterparts knew the value of the Ancient Treasure Trove, therefore, they would not give up on the Mysterious Ancient Key so easily.

“Creak!”

As his thoughts reached this point, Lin Dong’s fists clenched tightly as killing intent surged in his eyes. He hoped that Chen Mu would not resort to such tactics, otherwise, he would pay a hefty price...

“Let’s go.”

Lin Dong gently breathed out. Without any further words, he waved his hand as his body shot into the sky. After becoming a Heaven Symbol Master, he could easily muster energy from the land. A gust of powerful wind formed beneath his feet as he flew him past the mountain range, heading towards the massive Yang City at a terrifying speed.

Chapter 455: Li Pan

Yang City was bustling with noise and excitement as usual. From the constantly moving streams of people on the streets, one could see just how the popular the city was.

However, some newcomers would fail to detect the now somewhat different atmosphere in Yang City.

Those who were familiar with the original distribution of power in Yang City would stare at the few lofty towers at the center of the city with a slightly complicated look on their faces. Those towers originally belong to the Lingyun Empire and Great Yuan Empire. However, these two former powerhouses were forced to give up these properties because they were now owned by a more powerful master.

The Devil Cliff Empire.

A genuine high rank empire. The Devil Cliff Empire possessed an illustrious reputation even amongst the other high rank empires. Although this kind of reputation was not always a positive one, it still struck fear in the hearts of the other empires. In the ancient battlefield, strength was the most important after all.

In the past, the distribution of power in the Yang City was rather well-proportioned. Even if other empires dreaded the Lingyun Empire and Great Yuan Empire, they were not too fearful of them. That kind of balanced atmosphere satisfied everyone. However, ever since the arrival of the Devil Cliff Empire, the well-balanced

atmosphere of the Yang City had been officially broken. When that particular Nirvana stage practitioner stepped onto the tower and looked down at the entire city, his sinister and tyrannical voice imbued fear into numerous people.

“Sigh.”

Some people could not help but sigh when they thought of the current situation in the Yang City. Indistinctly, there seemed to be prudent whisperings spreading around the city quietly.

“Members from the Iron Empire, the Great Tang Empire and the Black Cloud Empire have been captured by the Devil Cliff Empire. Reportedly, they are captured because of their past affiliations with Lin Dong, who disappeared in the Thunder Granite Valley after obtaining the Mysterious Ancient Key.”

“The Devil Cliff Empire is simply too despicable. They actually want to use such means to force Lin Dong to surface.”

“That Lin Dong is no fool. The Devil Cliff Empire is extremely powerful and even some high rank empires do not dare to offend them. How could Lin Dong dare to oppose the Devil Cliff Empire single-handedly then?”

“That’s true. However, the most unlucky ones are Mo Tie and his counterparts. Given the despicable nature of the Devil Cliff Empire, if Lin Dong does not appear soon, Mo Tie and his counterparts will not be easily let off...”

“Sigh, the Yang City is no longer peaceful anymore, it’s time for us to look for another place.”

While these people whispered in the dark, their gazes were thrown towards the base of the tower in the city central at the same time. At this moment, there was a commotion at the spacious plaza that was located in front of the tower. Onlookers surrounded the the plaza and there were so many people that even the end could not be seen.

While the onlookers gathered, there were a lot of sympathetic gazes being thrown in the direction of the plaza. In the middle of the plaza, there was a massive metal cage. However, instead of locking up some kind of beast, the cage actually confined red-eyed individuals whose faces were filled with rage and resentment. There were three figures sitting cross-leggedly in front of these people. They were Mo Tie, Tang Xuan and Liu Xuan.

Right now, the gloominess on the three persons’ faces had reached a terrifying level. They stared at the members of the Devil Cliff Empire with bloodshot eyes while a unresolvable bitterness was surging through their eyes.

In their opinion, the act of locking them up in a cage and showcasing them to the public like an animal, was worse than killing them.

Outside of the metal cage, there were black-clothed members from the Devil Cliff Empire. At the centre of the plaza, there was a man sitting on a stone chair. Meanwhile, he was looking at the metal cage with a sadistic yet indifferent tinge in his eyes.

That man was not Chen Mu, instead, he was the Nirvana stage practitioner who previously fought with Lin Dong over the Heaven Symbol Spirit Tree.

His name was Li Pan and he held a reasonably high position in the Devil Cliff Empire. He was still brooding over the fact that he got taken advantage by Lin Dong previously. Initially, he thought that he could get back at Lin Dong by obtaining the Mysterious Ancient Key. However, the Mysterious Ancient Key eventually landed in Lin Dong's hands. Furthermore, the most important point was that Lin Dong actually disappeared after he obtained the Mysterious Ancient Key. That undoubtedly pissed off Li Pan.

Luckily, they still had some tricks up their sleeves and were able to take control of the empires that had affiliation with Lin Dong. Unfortunately, the three guys who came to the Yang City together with Lin Dong managed to escape.

Within this one month, Li Pan had tried many method to humiliate Mo Tie and his counterparts in a futile attempt to force Lin Dong out of his hiding place. Yet the results only left him dejected and angry. That was because within this month, Lin Dong's shadow did not appear, let alone his physical body.

"I want to see how long can this coward hide. These people are your friends. If you don't come and save them, sooner or later, your reputation will be tarnished. Hehe, you will definitely be criticised for keeping treasures for yourself while leaving your friends here to suffer," Li Pan mumbled and laughed sinisterly as a tigne of chilliness flashed across his eyes.

After Li Pan finished his sentence, he reached out his hand and took over a cup of hot tea from a servant. He then squinted his eyes and looked at Mo Tie and his counterparts in the metal cage and beamed, “Mo Tie, don’t put on a vengeful face. Instead of hating me, you should be hating that coward, Lin Dong. Because of him, all of you are in this mess now .”

“Scumbag, you had better pray that I do not have the opportunity to leave here, otherwise, I will bite off your flesh bit by bit!” Mo Tie stared fixedly at Li Pan while his eyes were bloodshot. Suddenly, the former laughed sinisterly with his face looking twisted.

“Hehe.”

Upon hearing Mo Tie’s words, Li Pan gave an extremely cold cackle. He then shot Mo Tie a glance and spoke softly, “It seems that I have failed to mellow down your bad temperament during this one month. Do I come off as too good-natured?”

Li Pan suddenly stood up after he finished his sentence. With a clap of his hands, three daggers that were flickering with a cold deathly flash came swishing out from behind him.

“Ah! Argh! Ahh!”

As the daggers flew out, three mournful, blood-curdling screeches broke out in the metal cage at the same time. Three guys behind Mo Tie had their palms pierced by the daggers before dark-

red fresh blood flowed out of their wounds.

The corners of Mo Tie's eyes were twitching while his fists were clenched tightly. As he heard those ear-piercing screams, his eyes gushed with fury.

Outside of the plaza, it was completely silent. Fury was surging through the eyes of many people. Apparently, these people were enraged by Li Pan's despicable actions. However, even though they were angry, they could only clench their fists. Furthermore, once they remembered how terrifying the Devil Cliff Empire was, all of them slowly unclenched their fists.

Standing on the outskirts of the plaza, Liu Yuan's face was ashen when he witnessed this sight. He clenched his fists so tightly that creaking sounds were produced. Just as he was about to lose control and say something, Lingyun grabbed him by his side and shook his head.

"Don't be foolish, it's useless," Lingyun spoke with a gloomy and powerless voice. The Devil Cliff Empire is far too powerful, so much so that they had no way to resist them.

"After today, I shall bring my men and leave the Yang City. I'm going to attack the Nirvana stage!" Liu Yuan's body trembled slightly before he calmed himself down and replied with a hoarse voice.

The sight before him made him understand the cruel reality of the ancient battlefield thoroughly. The Lingyun duo had a tight

relationship with Lin Dong as well. If not for the fact that they were both quasi-Nirvana stage practitioners, they would be locked up in the metal cage.

Lingyun remained silent as he nodded his head. In the Ancient Battlefield, only by attaining the Nirvana Stage, could one have the right to speak. Otherwise, the sight before them might happen to them in the future as well.

Meanwhile, in the plaza, Li Pan was scanning his surroundings with a malevolent look. Anyone who made eye contact with him felt dreadful and left the place quickly. This put a twisted smile on Li Pan as he liked the dominance that he was exhibiting.

“Mo Tie, my patience is running out. From tomorrow onwards, I shall kill one person each day until Lin Dong appears. Therefore, you better pray that Lin Dong stops being a coward. Otherwise, this cage shall be your final resting place,” Li Pan sneered.

“Li Pan, you are a total bastard. Lin Dong will not appear. However, should he really appears, trust me, your ending will be hundred times more miserable than us!”

Suddenly, Mo Tie’s previously twisted face became unusually calm. He stared at Li Pan as his voice remained composed yet contained a tinge of chilliness.

The sneer on Li Pan’s face froze. He then looked at Mo Tie and started chuckling. However, a cold killer intent could be seen surging through the former’s eyes, displaying the fury in his heart.

“Since you are so stubborn, let’s start today then.”

Li Pan smiled. With a wave of his palm, vigorous Yuan Power gathered and transformed into an extremely sharp spear in his hand. With a jolt of his arm, the spear ripped through the air with an ear-piercing whistling sound and flew towards Mo Tie with a lightning speed!

The speed of the spear was so fast that it created fear in one’s heart. The energy that it emitted was enough to make even a Nirvana stage practitioner like Liu Yuan to tremble with horror. It was clear that Li Pan intended to kill Mo Tie.

“Scumbag, just you wait!”

Even at this moment, Mo Tie was laughing balefully while showing no fear in his eyes.

“Swoosh!”

As the spear entered the cage, it appeared before Mo Tie in a flash. The shock wave from the spear created a bloody gash on his face. However, just before everyone thought that there was going to be a splash of blood spurted out, the spear oddly froze in the air.

The spear froze in the air as if there was an invisible yet powerful force grabbing it. Then, the spear detonated completely with a loud explosion.

At this moment, Mo Tie, who had previously closed his eyes to await his imminent death, opened his eyes abruptly. He then saw a beastly, familiar figure appeared before everyone's astonished gazes outside of the metal cage.

Chapter 456: Showing Up

The noisy arena quietened down instantly as everyone turned to stare at the figure hovering in mid-air. The eyes of those who recognized the figure, such as Liu Yuan and the rest, gradually widened in disbelief. Evidently, none of them expected that Lin Dong would actually show up.

“Lin, Lin Dong.”

Inside the steel cage, Mo Tei and the rest's eyes abruptly widened. Promptly, their bodies gently trembled as they stared at the figure with a complicated expression in their eyes. Even though they knew that Lin Dong was partially responsible for the predicament they were in, none of them genuinely blamed him. That was because from the start, all of them had planned to borrow Lin Dong's strength in order to enter Thunder Granite Valley, and Lin Dong had indeed fulfilled their wishes and brought them in, while even allowing them to reap plentiful rewards.

This was a mutually beneficial partnership and having benefitted, they would naturally have to pay a price as well. Therefore, even though they were secretly disappointed deep in their hearts by Lin Dong's absence in the past month, they did not hate him. All of them knew that if there were in Lin Dong's shoes, they would absolutely not dare to show up at all. After all, the Devil Cliff Empire was no kind-hearted buddha. Based on how they operated, once Lin Dong showed up, his life would immediately be in danger.

This meant certain death, hence, unless he was a fool, no one

would expect him to show up for some acquaintances.....

However, what shook Mo Tei and the rest to the very core was that Lin Dong showed up in the end.

It was difficult to explain how great a blow had been dealt to Mo Tei and the rest's hearts when they saw the rather wiry figure appear. Yet, one could deduce the state of their hearts by the redness in the eyes of these men that were as tough as nails.

Badump! Badump!

The figure that sudden appeared also drew the attention of the elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioners. Immediately, streams of potent Yuan Power erupted as all of them turned their vigilant and cold gazes towards the intruder.

However, in the face of these imposing Devil Cliff Empire practitioners, Lin Dong did not display the slightest bit of emotion. He looked at the steel cages in front of him as he slowly stretched out his hand and clenched.

“Crack!”

As Lin Dong clenched his fist, the black steel cage slowly started to squirm. Evidently, this steel cage was made from a rather unique material as it emitted a faint glow while trying to struggle against his massive strength. However, in the end, it finally exploded with a loud bang.

After he casually destroyed the steel cage, Lin Dong's somewhat cold eyes finally shifted to Li Pan, who was standing in the middle of the arena, before a flat voice sounded out, "Be a good boy and ask Chen Mu to step out."

From start to finish, Lin Dong had never paid any attention to Li Pan. This total disregard first caused Li Pan to be stunned, before his face slowly became twisted.

"Hehe, you would risk yourself for your friends. Tch, even I can't help but feel touched by your righteousness..." While his face twitched, Li Pan stared venomously at Lin Dong before laughing in a weird manner.

"Nonetheless, you must pay a hefty price in return for your righteousness. That's fine as well. Since you have shown up, you'll have to stay. I will prepare a special steel cage for you."

Lin Dong glanced at him before turning to look at Mo Tei and the rest and asked, "Are you alright?"

"Brother Lin Dong, thanks." Mo Tei cupped his fist before he solemnly bowed at Lin Dong, while rich gratitude gushed into his eyes. Standing aside, Tang Xuan and Liu Xuan's expression were complicated as they cupped their fists and bowed at Lin Dong. The fact that Lin Dong was willing to show up in order to save them had vastly exceeded their expectations. After all, they were keenly aware of the risks that the latter would be taking.

“The Mo Ling trio did not return to Yang City after you disappeared. They must have detected the hostility from Devil Cliff Empire and chose to leave secretly.”

After he heard Mo Tei's words, Lin Dong secretly heaved a sigh of relief. As long as they were no in the hands of the Devil Cliff Empire, that was good news. Furthermore, based on their current strength, they had the ability to protect themselves in the ancient battlefield. Therefore, it was not completely bad news for them to leave on their own.

“Brother Lin Dong, we are very grateful that you are willing to show up. However, the Devil Cliff Empire is no ordinary faction and if a battle occurs later on, we will duke it out with them. If there is an opportunity, please leave on your own. After you have grown stronger, you can always come back for revenge.” Mo Tei solemnly said.

When he heard his words, Lin Dong smiled before he patted Mo Tei's shoulders and said: “Since I have shown up, I will naturally ensure that all of you can leave peacefully as well. Leave everything else up to me.”

As he spoke, Lin Dong slowly walked forward. His eyes scanned across his surroundings. However, when he failed to detect Chen Mu's presence, he immediately furrowed his brows.

“No need to bother. Senior Chen Mu is not in Yang City and I am running this place.” As if he knew who Lin Dong was looking for, Li Pan gently smiled before he said: “You should be thankful that Senior Chen Mu is not here. Else, you would not even have the guts

to stand there.”

“I know you have other trump cards besides your Soul Puppet. It’s fine with me. Today, I have the time to play with your Soul Puppet. However, you will have to deal with four half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners on your own?” Li Pan smiled at Lin Dong. Behind him, four figures slowly walked out as they looked down on Lin Dong. Their auras were evidently at half-step-to Nirvana stage and they were much more powerful than Mo Tei and the rest, who were also at half-step-to Nirvana stage. Evidently, they had a more powerful cultivation base.

“I will leave him to you guys.”

Li Pan sat down on his stone chair, before he started sadistically at Lin Dong. His expression looked just like a cat that was teasing a mouse. He was curious to find out what other tricks Lin Dong had up his sleeves.

“Crack.”

Those four half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners released an odd laugh, before they cracked their knuckles. Without further ado, their feet stomped against the ground, before their powers gushed out. Then, four figures flashed across the sky like arrows before they flew towards Lin Dong.

When those four half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioners flew over, a vicious glint flashed across Mo Tei and the rest’s eyes. However, just as they were about to make a move, standing in

front of them, Lin Dong calmly stretched out his palm before he swiped his palm.

Pa!Pa!Pa!Pa!

Four crisp noises suddenly echoed out in mid-air. Then, the crowds were shocked when they saw that those four menacing half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner's were all blown away, just as if they had encountered an immovable barrier. Meanwhile, there was a blood-red palm print on all of their faces.

Bang!

When those four figures slammed hideously against the ground, all of them immediately vomited a mouthful of freshblood, while their auras dimmed down significantly. Evidently, all of them had suffered severe injuries.

The atmosphere seemed to have frozen in this instant. Regardless Mo Tei or Liu Yuan, everyone's faces froze. Moments later, exclams sounded out.

None of them had expected that Lin Dong was actually able to send four half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner flying with a single slap. Furthermore, what bewildered them the most was that Lin Dong did not use a tinge of Yuan Power.

This sight was truly peculiar.

“Mental Energy...”

Li Pan, who had just sat down on a stone chair in anticipation of a good show, finally revealed a solemn expression on his hideous face. As he stared at Lin Dong, his words slowly echoed out...

Perhaps others failed to recognize it. However, when Lin Dong previously swiped his palm, he could clearly feel an extremely formidable Mental Energy, that was powerful enough to suffocate a person, gushing out from within his body.

His Mental Energy shockwaves have far exceeded that of an ordinary Soul Symbol Master.

“Have you advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master?” Li Pan’s voice suddenly turned coarse, as he stared grimly at Lin Dong and asked.

In this instance, he had finally realized why Lin Dong actually dared to show up. That was because he had absolute confidence in himself. After all, a Heavenly Symbol Master is an existence that could rival a Nirvana stage practitioner!

His originally playful and sadistic heart began to slowly sink. It seems like this situation was slowly spinning out of control...

“Heavenly Symbol Master?!”

Li Pan did not try to conceal his words. Therefore, everyone around him clearly heard what he said. Immediately, all of their

pupils shrunk.

After all, everyone in this arena was clearly aware of what that rank indicates. It indicated that Lin Dong possessed the qualifications to rival a Nirvana stage practitioner.

In a manner of speaking, he could be considered as a Nirvana stage practitioner!

When they thought of his point, Mo Tei, Liu Yuan and the rest felt slightly nauseous. In merely a month's time, Lin Dong's strength had undergone a revolutionary change.

As they stared at that lean figure, everyone's heart was filled with admiration and respect. This was their respect towards power.

Unknowingly, it seems like this teenager, who was merely at advanced Manifestation stage when he first arrived at Yang City, had actually stealthily left them eating his dust...

He must be destined to shine in this ancient battlefield.

Chapter 457: Might of a Heavenly Symbol Master

The entire area was silent. On the stone chair, Li Pan's expression was one of dread. Lin Dong's sudden advancement to the Heavenly Symbol Master had evidently surpassed his expectations and this situation had already spun out of his control.

He clearly understood that since Lin Dong had advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master, he had the ability to face off directly against him. Moreover, Lin Dong still had a Soul Puppet in his hands that was comparable to a Nirvana stage practitioner.

This line-up was enough to frighten Li Pan.

"I was wondering why you dared to appear. It turns out that you had something up your sleeve." However, though he felt fearful, Li Pan did not panic. He icily stared at Lin Dong while these words slowly left his mouth.

There were many Devil Cliff Empire practitioners at this side, and among them were two quasi Nirvana practitioners with strengths comparable to Liu Yuan and the rest. In addition, there were some half-step-to Nirvana practitioners, overall an extremely luxurious lineup. Even a Heavenly Symbol Master like Lin Dong plus the Soul Puppet in his hands would be unable to shake them.

As if they had sensed how thorny a problem Lin Dong was, wind noises suddenly rang out in the area. Subsequently, some black-clothed figures appeared on the plaza with their cold gazes

vigilantly locked onto Lin Dong. This lineup caused the onlookers' hearts to be alarmed. As expected, this Devil Cliff Empire was a rather powerful existence even among the high rank empires.

Mo Tie and the rest, who were originally astonished by the formidable Mental Energy Lin Dong had displayed, regained their wits at this moment. Following which, their expressions changed gently when they witnessed this scene.

“Lin Dong, if you're smart, hand over the Ancient Secret Key and we can erase the grudge between you and my Devil Cliff Empire.”

Li Pan stood up, darkly staring at Lin Dong as he slowly spoke, “I know that you have already advanced to become a Heaven Symbol Master. However, let me warn you, this still poses no threat at all to my Devil Cliff Empire. There is no lack of Nirvana practitioners among the empires that have fallen to our Devil Cliff Empire...”

Li Pan's words were clearly a little less contemptuous compared to before. However, the threat within them was instead much greater. His words were very easily understood; they meant to warn Lin Dong that advancing to Heavenly Symbol Master level did not indicate that he had the qualifications to negotiate with their Devil Cliff Empire. Since they had eliminated even Nirvana stage practitioners before, taking care of Lin Dong would not be a difficult matter.

“Whether you want to become friends or enemies with my Devil Cliff Empire hinges on your reply.” Li Pan declared in an indifferent manner.

One could not help but admit that Li Pan's words contained an extreme amount of pressure. After all, the Devil Cliff Empire was too powerful and anyone would think twice before offending them. Additionally, it was said that a high rank empire had been directly wiped out by Devil Cliff Empire a few years ago, causing their terrible reputation to arise. Even some Nirvana stage practitioners did not dare to carelessly offend them and this was also the ultimate reason why everyone had to swallow and hide their indignation during Li Pan's tyrannical reign in Yang City. A single Nirvana stage practitioner was not enough to make them fearful, but the Devil Cliff Empire backing him possessed that ability...

It was absolutely silent after Li Pan's voice faded. Gaze after gaze were involuntarily cast towards Lin Dong's figure. No one knew if this new Heavenly Symbol Master would still be so unyielding in the face of the titanic Devil Cliff Empire.

Under numerous gazes, Lin Dong stared at Li Pan and smiled. Upon seeing this smile, the latter thought that Lin Dong was going to compromise. Immediately, a derisive smile started to arise from the corners of Li Pan's mouth.

However, just as the corners of his mouth rose a little, Lin Dong lifted his hand and pointed to the outside of Yang City, "Take your men and get lost from Yang City."

The raising corners of Li Pan's mouth froze, before traces of maliciousness gradually climbed up on his face. He stared at Lin Dong with a face interlaced with green and red before venomously

saying, “Such a hard bone, however, since you don’t want the face that I’ve given, you can only blame yourself for not making use of this final chance.”

As Li Pan’s venomous words gradually faded, surging Yuan Power immediately spread out from his body like a tide, the enormous pressure directly causing the surrounding people to feel breathless.

Li Pan’s face twitched with malevolence, obviously completely outraged by Lin Dong. From Li Pan’s point of view, even if Lin Dong had truly advanced to become a Heavenly Symbol Master, he did not have the qualifications to speak to Li Pan in such a manner.

“Bang!”

“Thousand Beast Fist!”

A muffled explosion sounded out. The crowd watched as Li Pan’s figure shot out like an arrow as his fist flew forward, instantly exploding the air. Vigorous without equal Yuan Power swept outwards, condensing into a stampede of beasts which roared as they charged towards Lin Dong. The power of this attack was rather astonishing. Every Demonic Beast made from Yuan Power contained a terrifying undulation that was enough to destroy a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner. With such a number of beasts gathered together, even the expression of a quasi Nirvana stage practitioner like Liu Yuan changed tremendously.

Lin Dong’s figure did not move at all. While he watched Li Pan’s

attack, a burning expression arose in his eyes. He did not summon his Blood Soul Puppet. The current him very much wanted to personally test how powerful his Mental Energy had grown after advancing to Heavenly Symbol Master.

The inside of his Niwan Palace that had become a mini world started to churn at this moment as if a gale was forming.

Rumble! Tumble!

The sky above the plaza suddenly darkened as a strong wind blew past. Everyone could feel terrifying Mental Energy spread out across the area.

“Break!”

A bright light shined in Lin Dong’s eyes. His hand grabbed out as a hurricane started to form within his palm, directly transforming into a hurricane hand which mercilessly flew towards the stampeding beasts made of Yuan Power.

Bang bang bang!

Low explosion noises continuously echoed. Wherever the hurricane hand went, Yuan Power Demonic Beasts were completely blown apart. In addition, even the ground broke as cracks formed due to the sweeping hurricane.

Tsss!

As they watched Lin Dong's almost effortless move, everyone in the area could not help but gasp once again. Was this the power of a Heaven Symbol Master? Transforming Mental Energy into wind and then into a palm attack. Such level of power was indeed extremely formidable.

As Yuan Power was blown apart, Li Pan was pushed back several steps, while his complexion turned ashen. He never expected that Lin Dong's Mental Energy would be this powerful. He had been lucky when he advanced to the Nirvana stage, plus the Nirvana pills he had used was only a mere hundred thousand. Therefore, though Li Pan was ranked number one among those who had not successfully reached Nirvana stage, he was definitely ranked amongst the last compared to fellow Nirvana stage practitioners. Even so, he believed that there would be no problems fighting with a recently crowned Heavenly Symbol Master Lin Dong. Yet, this scene made him understand that he seemed to have underestimated Lin Dong.

"I don't believe a brat like you that has just reached Heavenly Symbol Master will be able to utilise Mental Energy to such a level!"

Li Pan's sternly shouted. His hand clenched as a flickering bright light appeared within. His figure moved, transforming into numerous after-images that swept towards Lin Dong like layers upon layers of waves.

However, he did not know that when Lin Dong reached the Heaven Symbol Master stage, he had also obtained some of the

memories and experiences of the dead practitioner within the Mysterious Key Space. Hence, his Mental Energy control and utilisation obviously far surpassed Li Pan's expectations.

“It just so happens that I can use you as practise!”

In response to Li Pan's suddenly more powerful attacks, the fire in Lin Dong's eyes burned even hotter. He directly stepped on the wind as he moved, his figure as incorporeal as the mist. At this moment, gales blew across the land while lightning flashed and thunder rumbled.

While obtaining some of that practitioner's experiences and memories, Lin Dong had also received some valuable Mental Energy utilisation methods. He very much wanted to find out how powerful his Mental Energy was at full force now.

Rumble! Tumble!

Lightning flickered across the horizon as everyone stared at this scene in horror. Evidently, such an abnormal phenomenon had been brought forth by Lin Dong's Mental Energy.

Boom!

An enormous bolt of lightning poured down like a pillar of light while gales also started to take shape. In the end, wind and lightning was forcibly fused together by the unimaginable Mental Energy.

“Wind Lightning Fist!”

Lin Dong floated above the wind and lightning. Soon after, his hand abruptly slapped out. Immediately, the incomparably berserk lightning and wind swiftly squirmed, condensing into a humongous palm of light under numerous astonished gazes.

This light palm was not made from Yuan Power, but completely formed from pure lightning and wind. Though there was admittedly powerful Mental Energy wrapped around it!

This was a style that was completely different from Yuan Power!

“Bang!”

The wind lightning palm formed as Lin Dong’s eyes abruptly turned cold. Without the slightest bit of hesitation, the palm furiously descended upon Li Pan below.

Boom!

Before the wind lightning palm landed, there was already an enormous depression on the plaza. Afterward, a resplendent light palm that engraved itself into Li Pan’s shocked eyes, brought with it the momentum of wind and lightning as it viciously slammed down!

Chapter 458: Killer

The resplendent light palm illuminated the entire plaza. The rumbling thunder and howling wind noises that surged within caused shock to surge on everyone's faces. A Heavenly Symbol Master's Mental Energy had actually reached such an astonishing level!

“Swish!”

Under the wind lightning light palm, Li Pan wore an extremely serious expression. He could sense the terrifying energy contained within the wind lightning palm and he did not dare to be the least bit negligent. His hands abruptly clenched before dazzling golden light abruptly burst out from his body.

It was as if his entire body was made of gold at this moment!

Nirvana Golden Body, the mark of a Nirvana practitioner. In the face of such a powerful attack from Lin Dong, Li Pan had been forced to completely activate his Nirvana Golden Body.

Golden light flowing, Li Pan did not hesitate at all as frightening Yuan Power frantically condensed on his fists before he punched out.

There was nothing fancy about this fist, but the undulations contained within were powerful enough to heavily injure a quasi Nirvana stage practitioner like Liu Yuan!

“Boom!”

Under the attention of countless individuals, the golden first directly clashed against the humongous wind lightning palm. Immediately, a loud and piercing sound echoed across the plaza.

Bang!

As the loud noise resounded, berserk undulations also spread outwards. Ripples which could be seen with the naked eye, swept out, directly turning the stone stalls in the plaza into countless fine fragments, while cracks swiftly extended on the ground.

A cloud of dust spread out from the center of the plaza, while everyone nearby quickly retreated back. All of them knew that if even they were a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, if they were sucked into that mess, they would most likely be killed.

Boom!

As the dust slowly settled, while the crowd eagerly awaited the outcome, a hideous figure quickly shot out from within. Furthermore, each time his foot touched the ground, the ground below will be blown into dust.

The crowd immediately turned to look at that hideous-looking figure, before their pupils shrunk. That was because that hideous-looking figure was actually Li Pan from Devil Cliff Empire. This

scene immediately caused a series of exclams to sound out from within the crowd.

Amidst the commotion from the crowd, Li Pan's face was steely-green yet with a tinge of fear. Previously, even after he actually executed Nirvana Gold Body, he still lost out to Lin Dong's powerful palm attack. Furthermore, the instant their palms collided, he could clearly feel a savage lighting force wind penetrate every pore of his body causing him immense pain.

That fellow has just advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master. How can his Mental Energy be this formidable!" Li Pan's expression changed drastically. Evidently, that previous bout had caused waves to stir in his heart:

"It seems like your Nirvana stage is not as powerful!"

Just as Li Pan's expression changed, that widespread dust suddenly vanished. Following which, Lin Dong's figure resurfaced in front of the crowd. Right now, he was hovering in mid-air, while he looked down on Li Pan. After that previous exchange, he was clearly aware that even though Li Pan was also at Nirvana stage, he was severely lacking compared to Chen Mu and Mu Hongling. It seems like that fellow got lucky when he attempted to breakthrough to Nirvana stage.

When he heard Lin Dog's words, Li Pan's originally grim expression turned even more venomous. Gritting his teeth, he said: "Don't be too arrogant. Once you offend my Devil Cliff Empire, you shall no longer have peace!"

“Boom!”

However, just as Li Pan finished his sentence, thunder rumbled across the sky once again. Following which, Lin Dong chuckled before a formidable and savage lightning palm unceremoniously flew towards Li Pan.

When he saw this situation, Li Pan quickly activated this Yuan Power. Instantly, thunder ricocheted across the arena. When they saw Li Pan constantly falling back due to Lin Dong’s vicious attack, all the elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioner’s expressions changed drastically. None of them expected Li Pan to wound up in such a sorry state.

Outside of the arena, Mo Tei and the rest were extremely shocked by this sight. None of them had expected that this Nirvana stage practitioner who can practically dictate their lives, was rendered completely useless in front of Lin Dong.

Boom!

A deep voice sounded out in the arena as Li Pan was once again blown back by Lin Dong’s powerful thunder palm. However, this time around, he was evidently wounded. As he attempted to forcefully stabilise his body, he immediately vomited out a mouthful of freshblood and there were actually lightning sparks contained within his crimson red blood. Evidently, Li Pan’s body had been invaded by a large amount of Lightning Power.

Li Pan wiped off the blood trails on his mouth and his expression looked extremely twisted. He stared right at Lin Dong, who looked down on him from above, before the rage inside his heart finally overwhelmed his mind. Immediately, he shouted out venomously: “Set up the formation!”

After facing him directly, he clearly knew that he was not Lin Dong’s opponent. Therefore, it was impossible for him to fight with him alone...

The other elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioner were already shocked by this fight. However they were no ordinary faction. Immediately, they quickly calmed themselves down, before a series of deep roars erupted. Following which, all of them quickly retreated, before they formed into a large formation in order to deal with Lin Dong.

“Snort.”

Hovering in mid-air, when Lin Dong saw this sight, he coldly snorted instead. There were many elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioners and all of them were fairly skilled. If he allowed them to set up a large formation, they may perhaps become a major problem for him. This was naturally a situation that he did not want to see.

“Swoosh!”

Therefore, Lin Dong immediately waved his sleeves, before a fiery red figure lightning-quick flew out. In a flash, it dashed into

the crowd of elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioners. Following which, anyone who touched its palm attack, were all blown away before they vomited blood. Based on its actions, it seemed just like a wolf inside a sheep pen.

“Be careful, that is a Soul Puppet!”

When he saw his formation rapidly breaking down, Li Pan’s expression changed drastically. Just as he was about to step out and block it, the ground beneath him suddenly cracked open. Following which, countless sharp mud columns wrapped with formidable Mental Energy shot out from the ground, just like poisonous snakes.

Mental Energy was not as vigorous as Yuan Power. However, it possessed unique properties which allowed it to control the Yuan Power between Heaven and Earth. This proved to be a major headache for Li Pan and he did not dare to underestimate him as he could only avoid his attacks hideously.

“Buzz! Buzz!”

Just as Li Pan was being forced into a sorry state, the other elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioner were either wounded or killed by Lin Dong’s Soul Puppet. In the end, only the combined effort of two pseudo-Nirvana stage practitioner was able to barely halt the Blood Soul Puppet’s massacre. However, judging from their pale expressions, it was evident that they could not last for long.

The Devil Cliff Empire men, who were dominating Yang City,

were actually being forced into such a sorry state by Lin Dong and his Blood Soul Puppet alone. This sight completely shocked countless onlookers.

Li Pan, who was constantly being pushed back by Lin Dong, had evidently noticed the situation. Immediately, he forcefully suppressed a tinge of bitterness that had swelled up in his throat, before he quickly retreated. Then, he coldly shouted: “Lin Dong, you have won today. However, don’t be too arrogant. Though your three friends have managed to run away, Senior Chen Mu is already after them. Once they land in our Devil Cliff Empire’s hands, you shall come to me on your knees!”

“Go!”

After he shouted, without a moment of hesitation, Li Pan’s figure flashed before he headed for the outskirts of Yang City.

However, just as he turned around, he failed to see that after he spoke, a venomous killing intent immediately gushed into Lin Dong’s eyes.

“Does your Devil Cliff Empire really believe that I am a pushover that is completely at your mercy? In that case, let me teach you guys a lesson!”

Lin Dong’s figure flashed, before he directly appeared above Li Pan. As his hands seal changed, majestic Mental Energy swept forth just like hurricane. Instantly, the clouds shook, before thunder and lightning ricocheted across the sky.

“Great Heavenly Thunder Voice!”

Countless dancing lightning snakes were reflected in Lin Dong’s pupils, as his hand seals changed. Following which, the storm clouds in the sky actually faintly formed into a large mouth, before an extremely terrifying sonicboom descended and completely enveloped Li Pan.

“Buzz Chhh!”

Even though Li Pan had instantly activated his Nirvana Golden Body, it seems like he had still underestimated the destructive potential of this “Great Heavenly Thunder Voice.” That voice penetrated through every single pore of his body and it seemed like he could hear dull explosive noises continuously sounded out from his body. Immediately, he vomited out a mouthful of fresh blood.

This deadly attack finally forced fear to surge in Li Pan’s eyes. At this moment he finally began to panic. Previously, he knew that Lin Dong had no intention of killing him and he assumed that it was because the latter was wary of his Devil Cliff Empire. However, right now, he knew that the words that he just said had completely pissed off Lin Dong.

“Lin Dong, if you dare to kill me, our Devil Cliff Empire will make sure you pay back a thousand times in return!” Li Pan turned around. His face was pale, as he stared at Lin Dong, before he shouted fearsomely.

Lin Dong's eyes were icy-cold. Originally, he did not plan to kill him since the Devil Cliff Empire was truly a tricky foe. However, judging from the current situation, it seems like even if he relented, the Devil Cliff Empire would not forgive him. In that case, he had no choice but to act in a merciless fashion.

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"I am curious to find out what your Devil Cliff Empire can do to me after I kill you!"

Lin Dong's expression was grim as he took a step forward. Following which, a long spear suddenly materialized in his hand, before he jerked his arm and viciously flung it towards Li Pan.

Outside the arena, countless people sucked in a breath of cold air as they stared at Lin Dong, who was overflowing with killing intent. Evidently, they had never expected that Lin Dong actually dared to kill a Nirvana practitioner from Devil Cliff Empire.

As he stared at that Mental Energy spear accompanied by an explosive splitting wind sound, Li Pan's pupils shrunk. Immediately, a golden glow erupted on his body. With a deep growl, he suddenly stretched out his golden palms, before he forcefully grabbed onto that Mental Energy spear.

Tss! Tss! Tss!

That long spear caused sparks to emerge on his palm, while an

intense pain spread out. Nonetheless, thanks to his all-out effort, that lethal spear finally stopped while it was merely inches away from his chest.

When he saw that he had intercepted Lin Dong's lethal attack, Li Pan finally heaved a sigh of relief. Promptly, a poisonous glint flashed in his eyes. After he left Yang City, he must gather more men and hunt Lin Dong down like a dog!

“Swoosh!”

Just as this thought flashed across Li Pan's mind, a red glow flashed in front of him, before a fiery-red figure immediately appeared. Following which, it punched out and its impact landed right on the tail of that Mental Energy spear. Instantly, a terrifying force erupted, before that Mental Energy spear broke free of Li Pan's grip with a loud swoosh. Finally, under the bewildered stares of the crowd, it viciously penetrated through his body before it appeared behind his back...

Instantly, the entire arena seemed to have quietened down.

Chapter 459: Trouble

In the arena, several pairs of eyes stared in shock at the Mental Energy Spear that protruded from Li Pan's chest. As they watched the crimson red blood gushing out continuously from that bloody wound, for a moment, everyone's minds descended into chaos.

Lin Dong had actually killed Li Pan...

This shocking news resounded in their hearts, before some of their legs turned into jelly. Li Pan was no ordinary individual; he was a Nirvana practitioner from the Devil Cliff Empire!

The Devil Cliff Empire typically acted in a tyrannical fashion and their methods were extremely cruel. Therefore, even some high rank empires did not dare to offend them. Yet, Lin Dong had actually brazenly slaughtered Li Pan...

Everyone in the arena was keenly aware of commotion this would cause once news of this matter got out. Based on the Devil Cliff Empire's modus operandi, there was no way they would let Lin Dong off the hook. Therefore, since Lin Dong had thoroughly offended the Devil Cliff Empire, he would have an extremely miserable time in the future .

None of them had any doubts about this. Even though Lin Dong was able to rival a Nirvana stage practitioner and possessed a Soul Puppet, it was not enough to allow him to withstand the Devil Cliff Empire's rage.

This fellow was simply too audacious.....

Amidst the silence, Lin Dong's face remained emotionless as he stared at Li Pan's growing pupils, that were quickly losing all signs of life.

Thanks to the cooperation of Lin Dong and his Soul Puppet, Li Pan had taken a truly lethal hit. Previously, when that Mental Energy spear penetrated his body, its savage energy had completely destroyed all the inner channels in his body. In fact, even his life force was now gone.

Bloody bubbles continuously splurged out from Li Pan's mouth. Meanwhile, his nearly lifeless eyes stared venomously at Lin Dong, before a twisted and hideous smile flashed across his face.

When Lin Dong saw him smile, he immediately narrowed his eyes. However, before he could retreat, Li Pan's body started to swell up in a peculiar fashion before he finally exploded with a bang and turned into a bloody mist. Meanwhile, a bloody light shot out from the bloody mist and flew into Lin Dong's body.

"Lin Dong, you cannot escape. In the future, you will be hunted down by my Devil Cliff Empire just like a dog with its tail between its legs. Haha!"

While a bloody mist filled the horizon, Li Pan's hideous smile faintly ricocheted across this domain. Moments later, it finally dissipated gradually.

Lin Dong's expression gently darkened, while his Mental Energy quickly scanned across his body. Finally, it stopped at a spot within his body before he discovered an extremely small red seal.

“This is a unique tracking method and it allows the Devil Cliff Empire to locate you...” Little Marten's voice sounded out inside his heart.

“Can it be broken?” Lin Dong asked.

“It's a little difficult. That fellow sacrificed his remaining life force to create this seal and it is not going to be easy to dispel it. You will need some time to do so.” Little Marten solemnly said.

Lin Dong gently furrowed his brows before he promptly stretched his back. As he lifted his head and stared at his serene surroundings, he realized that everyone was staring at him in shock. Some of them had awe in their eyes, while other had a trace of pity.

When the other elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioners saw that Li Pan had been killed, they lost the courage to stay on as they immediately scattered off. When Lin Dong saw this sight, he could not be bothered to stop them. After all, these people posed little threat towards him. Furthermore, it would also impossible for him to conceal the fact that he had killed Li Pan...

In mere seconds, all the Devil Cliff Empire practitioners had fled. The overlords of this city had been completely crushed by Lin Dong alone.

Lin Dong chose to ignore the stares from the crowd. As he waved his palm, he immediately sucked a Qiankun bag from the ground. This was left behind by Li Pan. A Nirvana stage practitioner should possess pretty valuable belongings and since Lin Dong was lacking resources, this was an opportunity that he would not pass up on.

“Brother Lin Dong, you killed Li Pan...” Right now, Mo Tei and the rest finally recovered their senses. As they stared at Lin Dong, who was walking towards them, they muttered to themselves.

In their opinion, this sight was simply too stunning. Not only was Li Pan a member of the Devil Cliff Empire, he was also a genuine Nirvana stage practitioner. In their opinion, this cultivation level afforded one extreme prestige and status. However, this supposedly mighty practitioner was actually swiftly disposed off by Lin Dong in front of their eyes.

If it were not for the fact that there was still a bloody smell lingering in the air; if it were not for the fact that the whole area was in tatters and all the elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioners had scattered off; anyone would have thought that this was an illusion...

“Since there is already a grudge between us, there is no need to care if it is a small one or a large one. Even if I let Li Pan off today, the Devil Cliff Empire will not forgive me. In that case, I should remove one of their lethal tooth first.” Lin Dong gently smiled as he spoke casually. It was as if who he killed previously was not a Nirvana stage practitioner, but merely an insignificant demonic beast.

Right now, Mo Tei had finally recovered most of his senses. When he heard his words, he gently nodded his head. Since Lin Dong had obtained the mysterious ancient key, just based on this fact alone, the Devil Cliff Empire would not let him off. In that case, there was no need for him to show mercy to them.

“What do you plan to do next?” Mo Tei sheepishly asked. He always felt a little guilty for causing so much trouble for Lin Dong.

“The ancient battlefield is so vast. Do you worry that I will have nowhere to go? Though the Devil Cliff Empire is strong, they are not powerful enough to rule the entire land...” Lin Dong smiled, before he turned around and told Mo Tei: “You guys will be leaving Yang City soon right? However, I will not be joining you.”

When he saw Lin Dong’s smile, Mo Tei turned silent. He knew that perhaps in the future, Lin Dong would be continuously hunted down by the Devil Cliff Empire. Therefore, he would definitely have a rough time ahead of him.

Even though he was worried about him, Mo Tei knew that if he stuck around Lin Dong, he would be of little aid towards him. In fact, he would only be a burden as he would distract Lin Dong by forcing him to worry about his well-being.

“Brother Lin Dong, words cannot express my gratitude. In the future, if I have the opportunity to do so, I will definitely repay this favor!”

Mo Tei solemnly bowed at Lin Dong. Then, without further ado, he waved his hand. Following which, Tang Xuan and the rest turned around before they left. They were planning to leave Yang City.

As they stared at Mo Tei and the rest, the crowds surrounding them felt a little hollow. Yang City was a pretty good resting point. However, due to the events that occurred, it forced them to leave.

Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi glanced at one another, before they both secretly sighed. Then, they turned to look at Lin Dong. The latter was also smiling back at them. Based on his suave reaction, it seemed like he was not the slightest bit worried even after he offended Devil Cliff Empire. They were rather envious of his attitude. If Lin Dong could handle the Devil Cliff Empire, he would have a fairly renowned reputation in the ancient battlefield and he may even be chosen by those super sects. At that time, he would be like a carp jumping out of a pond to become a dragon...

“Let’s go. We should leave Yang City as well. This is no-man land and we should not linger on.” Liu Yuan and Ling Zhi instructed their men, before they bowed at Lin Dong. Then, they lead their men and left.

Lin Dong stood in the middle of the arena. When he saw the crowds continuously departing, he gently smiled. Promptly, he lifted his head, while his eyes were just like sharp knives as he stared towards the northern sky. Though others did not dare to offend the Devil Cliff Empire, I, Lin Dong, dare to do so. Let’s see how arrogant you guys are!

Moments after Mo Tei and the rest left Yang City, Lin Dong also made a move as well. However, he walked in the opposite direction from Mo Tei and the rest. When the crowds saw his figure disappearing into the horizon, all of them softly sighed. None of them knew whether this young man, who had shocked the entire Yang City, could actually survive the raging flames of the Devil Cliff Empire...

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This was an unbroken mountain range. On top of a mountain peak, several black figures flashed before they appeared. The one leading the way was naturally Chen Mu, who had previously clashed with Lin Dong in the Thunder Granite Valley.

“Senior Chen Mu, those three fellow are simply too sneaky. Even after so many days, we are still unable to catch a glimpse of their shadows...” Standing behind Chen Mu, a man spoke.

Chen Mu gently furrowed his eyes. Since the mysterious ancient key had ended up with Lin Dong and he was currently missing, the only way to force him to appear was to capture his three buddies from the same empire. However, even after searching for a long while, they had not accomplished much. After all, the Mo Ling trio were extremely slippery and even though the Devil Cliff Empire had far-reaching limbs they were unable to capture them.

“Hmm?”

Just as Chen Mu furrowed his brows, a glowing mirror suddenly

flew out from within his Qiankun bag. As it hovered behind him, a dazzling glow erupted, before it actually transformed into a glowing light.

When that glowing light appeared, even Chen Mu's eyelids twitched. Behind him, several of them quickly bowed down respectfully.

“Li Pan has been killed...” A casual voice sounded out from within that glowing light.

When he heard those words, Chen Mu's pupils instantly shrunk. Promptly, as if he realized something, he solemnly asked: “Is it that Lin Dong?”

“Yes.”

That glowing light nodded its head, before it spoke casually: “All along, no one dared to kill our Devil Cliff Empire's members. Furthermore, this time around, they had actually killed a Nirvana stage practitioner. There is no need to care about those three fellows. When Li Pan died, he left a blood seal in that fellow's body. All of you should be able to use your secret arts to detect it. I want you to head over now and return with the mysterious ancient key and that kid's head.”

“That kid has advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master and he is fairly skilled. In order to circumvent any unforeseen accidents, Lei She will accompany you...”

When he heard that name, Chen Mu's lips twitched. Promptly, a hideous expression gushed into his eyes: "Lin Dong, you are really daring!"

He was anxious to see just how terrified Lin Dong would be after he saw that fellow...

Chapter 460: The Scheme

The number of empires in the ancient battlefield was like stars in a vast sky, which was innumerable. Even the number of high rank empires could dazzle one's eyes. It is not an easy task to establish one's reputation amidst such a competitive environment.

Clearly, the Devil Cliff Empire was one of those reputable high rank empires. Even though their reputation reeked of blood, they was still made up of real capabilities. Therefore, the Devil Cliff Empire had been considered by many empires as an empire that was troublesome yet could not be offended.

In fact, this idea had been further reinforced in many people's minds after a high rank empire was previously eradicated by the Devil Cliff Empire.

And because of this, after news on the killing of a Nirvana stage practitioner from the Devil Cliff Empire spread out, commotions and uproars broke out in this vast vicinity.

Apparently, no one had expected that someone would actually dare to offend the Devil Cliff Empire at this point of time. Furthermore, everyone clearly knew that the youth named Lin Dong would be hunted down mercilessly. Even though the Devil Cliff Empire was not an overlord that no one dared to offend in the vast Northwest region of the ancient battlefield, they were still an extremely troublesome force to be reckoned with.

In this region, there were not many empires or elites that could

curb the Devil Cliff Empire's infamy and dominance. Lin Dong's capabilities were far from these group of empires and elites. Therefore, the Devil Cliff Empire would be relentless in their hunt for Lin Dong. However, while everyone in the Northwest region was in a uproar over Lin Dong's audacious action in offending the Devil Cliff Empire, the main character of the whole incident, Lin Dong, was deep within a mountain range and he was blocking off all these information.

This mountain range was located far away from the Yang City. The vastness of this mountain range certainly did not lose out to the Thunder Granite Valley's and might even be bigger. This kind of massive mountain range was commonly seen in the ancient battlefield. At the same time, the amount of Demonic Beasts in these mountain ranges had reached a terrifying number. Even Nirvana stage practitioners had to stay vigilant in this kind of area.

Lin Dong was sitting cross-leggedly with both his eyes shut tight on the peak of a green valley that was in the mountain range's depths. Strong waves of Devouring Power was gushing out from his body like a flash flood, devouring the Heaven and Earth's essence from his surroundings completely. After refinement, these essence became surging Yuan Power and flowed through limbs of Lin Dong, bringing about a vigorous and relaxed feeling to his body.

“Phew!”

This kind of silent training continued for another half an hour before Lin Dong slowly opened his tightly-shut eyes. The flickering radiance in his eyes vanished quietly as a smile swept across his

face.

It had been five days since Lin Dong left the Yang City. Within these five days, most of his time were spent on training. Right now, he had become someone who was cut off from the rest of the world once again. Even though he was lonesome, he did not need to repress his Devouring Power anymore. Thus, his training efficiency had increased significantly as compared to the past.

Given his current training speed, Lin Dong predicted that he could attack the half-step-to Nirvana stage in a month's time. However, it was not issue of attacking the half-step-to Nirvana stage that bothered Lin Dong, but rather, it was issue of how should he attack the Nirvana stage. After Lin Dong fought against Nirvana stage practitioners, he finally understood the significance of the amount of Nirvana pills used to attack the Nirvana stage. Given Lin Dong's current capabilities, the reason why he was able to defeat Li Pan was because the latter had only used one hundred thousand Nirvana pills when he attacked the Nirvana stage. As such, the Nirvana Qi in Li Pan's could not match against an elite like Chen Mu.

Lin Dong was able to defeat Li Pan easily, however, if he was to face Chen Mu, it would be far from easy. That was because, Chen Mu used five hundred thousand Nirvana pills when he attacked the Nirvana stage. This amount of Nirvana pills allowed him to overshadow a Nirvana stage practitioner like Li Pan even before he passed the Nirvana Tribulation.

Naturally, after Lin Dong knew about the situation clearly, he did not want to end up like Li Pan after he reached Nirvana stage.

This was like building a foundation. If he was able to get his fundamentals right, it would be beneficial for him in the future when he needs to attack the Nirvana stage.

“However, all these Nirvana pills....”

Lin Dong furrowed his eyebrows as he thought of another troublesome problem. Currently, he only had around sixty thousand Nirvana pill. Approximately one half of these Nirvana pills were from Li Pan’s Qiankun bag. This amount was far from what Lin Dong had expected...

“Hehe, still thinking hard about how to get more Nirvana pills?” Little Marten appeared on Lin Dong’s shoulder with a sly look on its face.

“Do you have a plan?” Lin Dong asked while raising his eyebrows.

“Given your character, if there are no more than a few millions of Nirvana pills to attack the Nirvana stage, you will not be satisfied. However, though you possess the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, it will hard to refine so many Nirvana pills in a short period of time,” Little Marten replied lazily. It then continued, “What else can be more efficient than stealing in this world?”

“Steal?” Lin Dong slight twitched the corner of mouth.

“I never ask you to go around stealing from people. The Devil Cliff Empire will definitely send people to hunt you down. Meanwhile, those who are sent to hunt you down will be much powerful than Li Pan. These people are well-off individuals. If you are able to capture one of them, I guess they should be worth at least a hundred thousand Nirvana pills each?” Little Marten chuckled.

“Stealing from the Devil Cliff Empire,” Lin Dong’s eyes opened up slightly before he stared at Little Marten with a peculiar expression on his face. Right now, he was thinking about how to avoid the Devil Cliff Empire’s hunt. Yet Little Marten was actually thinking about how to kill them and steal their Nirvana pills....

“Don’t have the guts?” Little Marten taunted Lin Dong.

“What else will I be scared of when I have already killed one of their men. However, as you have said, this time around, the Devil Cliff Empire will send their elites after me. It will not be an easy task even if I have attained the Heaven Symbol Master,” Lin Dong smiled while shaking his head.

Given his current strength, he could only tie with Chen Mu in a fight. Even though he possessed the Blood Soul Puppet, the enemies would not consist of only one Nirvana stage practitioner in Chen Mu. As for his last resort in summoning the Ancient Heavenly Crocodile, he has only one shot. The Ancient Heavenly Crocodile could definitely contend against a Nirvana stage practitioner that had passed the Nirvana Tribulation. However, it would quite wasteful to use this last resort on such situation. “You seem to underestimate your own capabilities,” Little Marten

laughed indifferently as if it knew what Lin Dong was thinking.

“You possess a Heavenly artifact called the Devouring Ancestral Symbol. In the past, you did not even display more than one percent of its power. However, the level of your Mental Energy has greatly increased now and you can activate other powers as well. With the help of these abilities, Chen Mu will not be able to deal with you. We can start planning and lay an ambush for the Devil Cliff Empire. When that moment comes, we can get rid of them in one go and the rewards will be considerably huge.”

“Get rid of them in one go....”

Even though Lin Dong was an individual with huge guts, he was still shocked by Little Marten’s plan. However, he was not a timid person. As soon as he thought of the rewards, a blazing fury gushed through his eyes. If this plan was to succeed, the rewards he reaped would be extremely pleasing.

“Do you have confidence?” Lin Dong asked softly while blinking his eyes.

“Hey, Grandpa Marten had plotted against all kinds of people in the past. It’s not difficult to plot against this kind of worthless individuals...” Little Marten replied arrogantly.

Upon seeing this, Lin Dong smiled as well. However, he still had some reservations in his heart. Little Marten might be very powerful in the past, but that was in the past after all...

“Actually I can get rid of the tracking mark in your body, however, I think it will be best to use it as a guide for them. During this period of time, I will teach you a few other ways to use the Devouring Ancestral Symbol. Currently, I think you are somewhat capable of activating some of its powers.....”

Little Marten clapped its claws as its tiny eyes flickered with a tinge of cunningness. It then shifted its gaze into the distance and mocked,” Some bullshit Devil Cliff Empire dares to be so arrogant in front of Grandpa Marten. If they dare to come, Grandpa Marten will make all of them perish!”

Lin Dong patted Little Flame, which was sitting beside him, and smiled. There appeared to be a tinge of chilliness in his drooping eyes. Initially, Lin Dong still thought that he had to stay low for a while. However, it seems like there was no need now.

“Devil Cliff Empire, I hope the men you send will be powerful. Otherwise, this game will not be fun...” Lin Dong murmuring voice echoed throughout the mountain peak. No doubt, Lin Dong and Little Marten had massive guts. While the outside world was either worrying or rejoicing over their misfortune, they had already taken the initiative to ambush and wait for the Devil Cliff Empire’s elites to arrive.

The positions of predator and prey appeared to have swapped inadvertently.

The question is who will get the last laugh in this game of prey and predator.....

Chapter 461: Arrival

Deep within the mountains, an arduous mountain peak soared into the skies. Mists curled around the mountain peak, making it look somewhat celestial. An unmoving figure sat atop a boulder upon the mountain peak. As a light breeze brushed against the figure, his black hair floated, causing him to appear rather carefree.

Puuu!

While the figure silently sat as if in deep sleep, a snow-white Demonic Beast flapped its wings as it flew out from the mists. Using the clouds as cover, its scarlet and beastly pupils locked onto the figure.

This Demonic Beast was considered rather powerful in the Ancient Battlefield. It was known as the Human-Faced Devil Hawk. It had a human-like face but when this face was put together with the rest of its body, it looked extremely weird and frightening.

The Human-faced Devil Hawk was extremely powerful. From its aura, one could tell that this Demonic Beast could match up to a quasi-Nirvana stage practitioner like Liu Yuan. It noiselessly flapped its wings like a ghost without form that was impossible to guard against. Even ordinary Nirvana stage practitioners would find it rather troublesome.

This Human-faced Devil Hawk had clearly been observing the figure below for an awfully long time. After stealthily flying back

and forth for a long period of time, it suddenly jerked its wings, raising its speed to the max. However, the most terrifying thing was that it did not make the slightest bit of noise while charging at this speed, and even the flow of air was concealed by it.

This kind of sneak attack was indeed an extreme headache.

The Human-faced Devil Hawk was extremely swift. In a blink of an eye, the Demonic Beast pierced through the mist, poised to grab the figure's skull with its deadly talons that were sharp enough to tear apart the defence of a Nirvana stage practitioner. Its talons flickered with a chilling light, and given the how formidable the attack looked, if it were to strike its target, his or her skull would be ripped off.

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However, just as the sharp talons were about to touch the figure's skull, a black hole suddenly materialized and expanded. Soon after, the Human-faced Devil Hawk's claws were caught in the black hole.

“Roar!”

This sudden change of events put the Human-faced Devil Hawk in great distress. It urgently flapped its wings with tremendous strength as it tried to escape from the black hole.

Swoosh!

However, while it flapped its wings, numerous strings of black light suddenly burst out from the black hole. The numerous strings twined around the Human-faced Devil Hawk and forcefully pulled it towards the black hole. Like a giant mouth, the black hole swallowed the Demonic Beast, leaving not even a single feather behind.

A weird sneak attack met an equally weird ending. At this moment, the figure slowly opened his tightly-shut eyes, a faint smirk in his eyes. With a flip of his palm, a fist-size Demonic Crystal appeared within, vigorous waves of Nirvana Qi surging inside.

“The amount of Nirvana Qi in this crystal is comparable to a few thousand Nirvana pills...” The figure clenched his hand as the Demonic Crystal was absorbed by powerful Devouring Power, transforming into churning Nirvana Qi that flowed through his body. This intake of Nirvana Qi was equivalent to a whole day of training. However, it was a pity that this kind of Demonic Beast was rare even in this deep into the mountains, while given his current strength, it would be a difficult task for him to break into the areas where these Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts gathered in groups.

After devouring the Demonic Crystal, the figure finally stood up and raised his head. This face belonged to Lin Dong, who had ventured deep into the mountains.

“Another five days have passed.....”

Lin Dong stood up and gazed into the distance with a pair of slightly narrowed eyes. In his eyes were an indescribable expression. With Little Marten's guidance over the past five days, he had become much more skillful in the using of the Devouring Ancestral Symbol than he was in the past. Additionally, due to his advancement to the Heaven Symbol Master stage, Lin Dong was becoming increasingly proficient in utilising the tyrannical Devouring Power.

As Lin Dong mastery of Devouring Power grew, he became completely aware of how powerful the Devouring Ancestral Symbol was. This object was indeed a truly godly artifact.

His fighting capabilities had once again significantly improved compared to ten days ago. Right now, Lin Dong would not be at a disadvantageous position even against a Nirvana stage practitioner like Chen Mu.

"These fellows are a little slow...." Lin Dong muttered to himself. Previously, he and Little Marten's plan was to deal with the Devil Cliff Empire's men that were sent to kill them. Of course, Lin Dong did not stay in one spot for too long and was constantly on the move so as to avoid their suspicion and to create the facade of him fleeing. However, the long-anticipated hunters had yet to appear.

"There's no need to be anxious, they should be arriving soon. They can sense the tracking seal in your body while I can also borrow this tracking seal to roughly gauge their position. Even though the signal may be extremely weak, I can feel that they are getting increasingly closer to us...." Little Marten appeared on Lin Dong's shoulder and laughed.

“How are the preparations?” Lin Dong glanced at Little Marten and chuckled.

“We are more or less done. As long as they dare to come, I will make sure they will be unable to return!” Little Marten’s eyes flickered with excitement. It had been clearly been awhile since it had went all out on something.

Upon hearing these words, the smile on Lin Dong’s face grew even wider. Soon after, he took a glance in the direction of the distant north while a whistle sounded out from his mouth.

Swoosh!

As the whistle faded, a scarlet figure abruptly swept out from the mountain range below. With a jolt of its wings, the figure appeared at Lin Dong’s side, revealing itself to be Little Flame. This fellow had some rather good meals over this period. Practically all the Demonic Crystals from some half-step-to Nirvana stage Demonic Beasts Lin Dong had killed devoured by Little Flame. However, this had brought it many benefits. Right now, Little Flame had not only grown bigger, but also appeared more majestic and powerful, while the aura emitted from its body faintly showed signs of being comparable to a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner.

Lin Dong was overjoyed with Little Flame’s transformation. After patting its head, Lin Dong leapt onto its back. The former flapped its wings, transforming into a flash of red lightning that shot away into the distance.

As Little Flame took flight, Lin Dong cast an indifferent glance behind him. The bait had been set and was ready for the arriving fishes....

Devil Cliff Empire, since you want to capture me, I will first let you have a taste of the price to come.

While Lin Dong was changing location, ten shadows appeared like ghosts on a distant mountain peak far away.

The auras of these ten black shadows were extremely tyrannical. Unexpectedly the leader of the pack was the sinister-looking Chen Mu. He raised his head and looked forward as his eyes surged with a chilling light.

“That chap is fleeing again....”

After Chen Mu finished his sentence, a few laughs broke out behind him, “This lad is truly like a stray dog, fleeing in such a diligent manner.”

Chen Mu slightly furrowed his eyebrows. For some reason, he could sense that something was amiss. Even though the tracking seal was quite hard to erase, Lin Dong should have plenty of time to slowly remove it over this period of time. Instead, Lin Dong did not do this. Could it be Lin Dong did not know that as long as the tracking seal was not removed, he would be unable to get rid of them?

“Chen Mu, let’s increase our speed. We have already wasted a lot of time” A hoarse voice suddenly sounded behind the frowning Chen Mu.

Upon hearing this voice, the corners of Chen Mu’s eyes slightly twitched for a moment. He tilted his head to look at the skinny man. The man had an ordinary face, but his pupils were inverted triangles like a snake’s, and gave off an extremely creepy feeling.

Even someone as cold as Chen Mu could not maintain a natural expression in front of this person. In the Devil Cliff Empire, Nirvana stage practitioners possessed relatively high status. Other than first senior and second senior, this man was the undisputed number three. Even Chen Mu had to lower his head in front of this man.

As if he knew that Chen Mu was sizing him up, the man slowly raised his head and extended his hand from his sleeves. His hand was covered with black scales, an extremely strange sight.

“Still not moving? I want to see if Lin Dong is really a three headed six armed asura that actually dares to kill someone from the Devil Cliff Empire,” The man laughed, showing his sinisterly white teeth. His smile was full of a terrifying viciousness.

A slight chill surfaced in Mu Chen’s heart. Without tarrying any further, Chen Mu turned around and dashed forth while everyone else swiftly followed behind.

The following day, Chen Mu and his counterparts travelled without any rest. They pushed their speed to the limits as they followed the weak signal and crossed mountain after mountain.

Just as the scorching sun slowly began its descent in the western skies as scarlet light engulfed the vast mountain range, ten figures finally stopped at a lush woodlands while they cast their gazes to their front. A figure was silently seated there. A light breeze blew past, causing his clothes to float and his black hair drift gently in the wind.

“Not running anymore?”

Chen Mu’s extremely sinister gaze was directed at the figure, his ghastly voice causing a chill to run up one’s spine.

However, that figure merely smiled in the face of Chen Mu’s icy voice as he lazily stretched his body. His eyes were not flickering with the fear that Chen Mu and his counterparts had anticipated. Instead, the figure’s eyes contained a mysterious smile.

“You are really too slow. If this carried on, I might have lost my patience....”

Upon hearing these words, Chen Mu’s eye pupils instantly shrunk.

Chapter 462: Battle

Green extended to the limits of one's vision above the lush woodlands. As a gentle breeze brushed past, green waves swept out with a crashing sound, a truly magnificent sight.

However, the atmosphere above the lush woodlands seemed to have frozen. Ten figures silently stood above the woodlands, their ice-cold eyes locked onto a figure in front of them. There was a playful and sadistic glow in their eyes, like those of a cat stalking a mouse.

“Hehe, from your words, it seems like you were deliberately waiting for us?”

One of the ten figures suddenly released an odd laughter while mockingly staring at Lin Dong. The words uttered by the former had almost caused them to lose control and break out into laughter. Looks like this period of hunting had caused this unlucky fellow to lose his mind.

Lin Dong smiled, his eyes slowly scanning the ten figures before pausing at Chen Mu and a figure behind him. With his sharp Mental Energy senses, he could perceive a faint dangerous sensation from that man's body. This sensation was even more intense than Chen Mu's...

“The Devil Cliff Empire is powerful indeed.” Lin Dong's eyes narrowed a little but he did not panic at all. Evidently, he had long anticipated such a situation.

“Lin Dong, I have already told you, one should know his limits. You are entirely responsible for the predicament that you are in today! ” Chen Mu’s eyes coldly stared at Lin Dong with an unconcealable killing intent churning within them.

“Surrender the Mysterious Ancient Key and I will leave you with a whole corpse. No one has ever managed to survive after killing someone from our Devil Cliff Empire. You are no exception.” Chen Mu stretched out his palm and declared in an indifferent manner. His words gave no options for Lin Dong to talk himself out of this predicament. Evidently, they were bent on killing Lin Dong.

Lin Dong smiled as he gazed at Chen Mu before suddenly asking, “So, how many Nirvana Pills do you guys have?”

Nonetheless, it must be said that Lin Dong’s question was truly a loaded one. For a while, even Chen Mu was stunned. However, he seemed to understand that the hidden intention behind Lin Dong’s words were not friendly. Immediately, his expression turned grim.

“I am about to attack Nirvana stage and I require quite a bit of Nirvana Pills.” Lin Dong gently smiled as he said. Though he did not further elaborate, when he saw Chen Mu and the rest’s expressions change, he guessed that they have also understood what he meant.

“Haha, what an interesting kid. However, someone like you is destined to die young. I have one hundred and fifty thousand Nirvana Pills with me. If you believe that you are capable enough,

you can try to take it.” The one who spoke this time around, was a man standing behind Chen Mu, with triangular pupils. His pupils gently shrunk as he stared at Lin Dong, while a fake smile hung on his smile. This was actually the first time he saw someone trying to target their Devil Cliff Empire.

“One hundred and fifty thousand. You are quite a fat sheep.” Lin Dong chuckled. However, when they saw him chuckle, the elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioners immediately shook his head. All of them assumed that fellow had probably gone senile.

“Chen Mu, take care of the problem that you left behind. The rest of you will guard this area. I do not want to see any unforeseen accidents occur today.” That man with triangular pupils glanced at Lin Dong and it seemed like he was not interested in talking with a mentally unstable person. Immediately, he waved his hand as he casually said.

“Yes, Senior Lei She!”

When they heard his words, the other elite Devil Cliff Empire’s practitioner instantly responded. Following which, all of them dashed them, before they formed a defensive formation and trapped Lin Dong within. Thanks to their formation, it was very difficult for Lin Dong to escape.

Chen Mu sucked in a deep breath of air, before his expression instantly darkened. Then, he slowly walked forth, while his voice sounded out: “Lin Dong, you took me by surprise when you advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master. However, if you believe that is sufficient to allow you to fight with my Devil Cliff Empire, let me

tell you this, you are simply too naive...”

“As the situation stands, even if you kneel down and surrender the Mysterious Ancient Key, you must pay a price for challenging and disrespecting my Devil Cliff Empire. Hence, you must die!”

Chen Mu suddenly gripped his palm, before a potent killing intent gushed out from his eyes. At the same time, his formidable Yuan Power shockwaves also flooded forth. Though they were both Nirvana stage practitioners, Chen Mu’s strength was evidently several times more powerful than Li Pan!

Swoosh!

Savage Yuan Power shockwaves swept forth, as Chen Mu’s figure flashed. Following which, his figure suddenly surged, before a blurry figure emerged. However, his figure had already appeared behind Lin Dong just like a phantom. Then, Yuan Power lightning-quick concentrated on his palm, before he viciously slammed it against Lin Dong’s scalp without the slightest shred of mercy.

“Bang!”

However, Chen Mu’s attack did not land on Lin Dong’s body. That was because while his attack was half an inch away from his scalp, a formidable Mental Energy gushed out and formed a barrier, which managed to deflect that attack.

When he saw that his attack had been stopped, Chen Mu was not

surprised. Promptly, he flipped his palm, before Yuan Power gathered together just like a hurricane. Finally, he punched out.

“Mountain Breaking Seal!”

A savage knuckle seal viciously slammed against that Mental Energy barrier in a domineering fashion. Due to that punch, that barrier was directly blown apart.

However, the instant his knuckle seal tore apart that Mental Energy barrier, a cold glint suddenly appeared from below. However, it did not target the fist, but instead, it flew at a peculiar trajectory towards Chen Mu’s throat.

“Snort!”

When he saw Lin Dong’s futile struggle, Chen Mu coldly snorted. Using the back of his palm, his formidable strength solemnly slammed against that cold glint, before he managed to blow it away.

When he saw his actions, Lin Dong’s eyes narrowed. With a flick of his mind, Devouring Force gushed out before it directly wrapped around his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear. In this instance, his originally white bone spear suddenly transformed into an extremely dark color.

“Bang!”

Chen Mu's steel-like palms gripped on that enraged bone spear. However, that bone spear did not retreat as he had expected, instead a peculiar suction force erupted from that bone spear. Thanks to that suction force, all the Yuan Power wrapped around his body began to stealthily disappear.

This peculiar sight caused Chen Mu's pupils to gently shrink. Instantly, he tried to escape that suction force, as he quickly retreated.

“It seems like those five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills are wasted on you.” When he saw Chen Mu suddenly retreat, Lin Dong laughed heartily. Promptly, a cold glow gushed into his eyes, while a formidable Mental Energy violently gushed out from his Niwana Palace. Immediately, storm clouds began to gather in the sky, while thunder and lightning cackled amidst the clouds.

Chen Mu's expression was grim. When he saw that mysterious phenomenon that was occurring, he knew that Lin Dong was trying to use his Mental Energy to control the Yuan Power between Heaven and Earth. Immediately, he quickly took a step forward, while his footsteps suddenly became peculiar. Evidently, this was a rather powerful martial arts.

Swoosh!

His footsteps was peculiar. As Chen Mu's body squirmed, he quickly appeared in front of Lin Dong. Following which, his arms were just like blades, as savage Yuan Power gathered on them. Faintly, an extremely formidable shockwave emerged from it.

“Extreme Giant Yuan Blade!”

Chen Mu’s eyes were cold as he violently swung his arm. Following which, all the air below his arms was seemingly torn apart, while a several meters wide ditch was directly torn in the lush woodlands beneath.

“In front of me, you don’t even have the time to activate the Yuan Power between Heaven and Earth. Get ready to die!” Chen Mu grinned. His blade-like arms were extremely quick and vicious. Even Lin Dong could only see a formidable glint flash across his eyes, before that formidable blade wind, which could severely wound a Nirvana stage practitioner, landed on Lin Dong’s body.

Clang!

The instant he made contact, a ripping noise did not sound out as he expected. Instead, a clear metallic noise sounded out. Following which, Chen Mu’s pupils violently shrunk when he saw that there was a peculiar black glow beneath Lin Dong’s skin. As that black glow gushed out, it actually transformed into a black vest on Lin Dong’s body. Moreover, the instant that formidable blade wind touched that black vest, it was just like tossing a rock into a sea, as it caused no impact at all.

However, what really caused Chen Mu’s expression to change, was an extremely powerful suction force that actually erupted from that black vest. Thanks to that suction force, all the Yuan Power in his body began to disappear quickly, while they

continuously gushed into Lin Dong's body.

“That kid is quite strange!”

This thought flashed across Chen Mu's mind. Promptly, all the hair on his body stood up. However, just as he was about to quickly retreat, a cold smile appeared on Lin Dong's face.

Boom!

In the sky, lightning and thunder rumbled, before all the lightning bolts quickly gathered together. Instantly, they transformed into a giant lightning palm. However, this lightning was not silver in colour, but it was pitch-black instead. Faintly, a heart-palpitating sensation emerged.

“Devouring Lightning Palm!”

A deep roar sounded out in Lin Dong's heart. Promptly, that black lightning palm suddenly swept forth. Following which, under the bewildered stares from the Devil Cliff Empire's practitioners, it viciously slammed against Chen Mu, who had no time to flee.

Dong!

Instantly, a black lightning glow swept forth in this lush woodlands. Standing nearby, Lei She's expression slowly darkened as he stared at that lightning low...

Chapter 463: Lei She

A deafening earth-shattering noise suddenly sounded out above the lush woodlands, before a black lightning halo quickly swept forth at an alarming speed. Everywhere the lighting halo brushed past, the lush woodlands would quickly turned charred, an extremely shocking sight.

Bang!

As that lightning halo spread forth, a hideous-looking figure suddenly shot out from within before he tore through the vast woodlands. Along the way, he directly tore a near hundred meter ditch and caused countless large trees to be directly blown away.

The figure that shot out finally managed to forcefully stabilize himself. After he stabilized his body, his body gently trembled, before wisps of black smoke arose from his back. In fact, even his aura seemed to have dimmed down. Evidently, he was severely wounded.

“Buzz Chii!”

While his body trembled, a deathly pale color emerged on his face, before he involuntarily vomited out a mouthful of freshblood. Following which, he was still in shock as he lifted his head. As he stared at that figure wearing a black vest, hovering above the woodlands, it was obvious that he did not expect that Lin Dong’s attack was actually this savage.

He knew that the latter had advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master. However, even though Heavenly Symbol Masters can control the Yuan Power between Heaven and Earth, they should not be so powerful. Furthermore, the instant he was attacked, he could clearly feel that some of the Yuan Power inside his body had mysteriously disappeared and this undoubtedly caused his existing injuries to worsen.

As that widespread lightning glow gradually dissipated, the surrounding elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioners stared at a hideous-looking Chen Mu, before their pupils suddenly shrunk. Promptly, all of them sucked in a breath of cold air. All of them were keenly aware of Chen Mu's strength and they had never expected him to wound up in such a sorry state.

Therefore, when they turned to look at that surrounded young man, their eyes did not have a mocking tinge like before. This time around, if they were not seriously prepared, the outcome may once again exceed their expectations.

After both of them glanced at one another, all of them turned to look at that man with triangular pupils.

Under the attention from the crowd, that man named Lei She shifted his attention before he turned to look at Lin Dong. Following which, his coarse voice sounded out: "These days, there are many people who pretend to be pigs in order to eat tigers. I can't figure out how a practitioner who recently advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master, can actually control such a powerful natural force..."

Lin Dong glanced at him before he casually said: “I am not pretending to be a pig to eat tigers. It is because your Devil Cliff Empire is too arrogant. Even though you guys are powerful, all of you hardly amount to anything compared to the ancient battlefield. In the future, you will encounter other similar incidents. Hence, there is no need to be this surprised.”

“Haha, that I must admit.” Lei Shen gently smiled. He was keenly aware that there were many other formidable empires in the ancient battlefield and some of them were even more powerful than them.

“In the ancient battlefield, there are many empires and powerful practitioners that our Devil Cliff Empire must be wary of. However, you are not one of them.”

Lin Dong ignored him as he lazily said: “You should be the next one making a move, right? I wonder how many Nirvana Pills you used when you attacked Nirvana stage?”

“Lin Dong, don’t be too arrogant. I haven’t lost yet!” Below him, another figure suddenly shot out, before a hideous-looking Chen Mu emerged and glared venomously at him. His deep growl obviously indicated that he still refused to believe that he had actually lost to Lin Dong. Previously, when he first met Lin Dong, the latter had to rely on his Blood Soul Puppet in order to fight against him. However, in less than two month’s time, the latter had actually managed to defeat him. This was undoubtedly a huge blow for Chen Mu.

Lin Dong casually glanced at Chen Mu. His previous attack was

extremely powerful and that fellow is merely putting on a strong front. Therefore, if he really dared to attack him again, Lin Dong would not mind directly killing him.

“Chen Mu, you are no match for him.”

“Join Li Li and the rest and set up the formation. I will personally handle him.” Just as Chen Mu’s eyes turned blood-red, standing behind him, Lei She casually spoke.

When he heard Lei She’s words, Chen Mu tightly clenched his fist while he stared venomously at Lin Dong. However, in the end, he chose to obey his instructions. As his figure flashed, he dragged his heavily wounded body before he quickly backed off. Then, he joined the eight of them in order to set up a peculiar formation. Meanwhile, the person right in the middle of the formation was actually Lin Dong.

“Originally, we did not plan to use this formation. However, your performance is simply too surprising. Furthermore, I typically do not enjoy taking excessive risks. If we fail to accomplish anything after so many of us have come, we will not have the guts to return.” Lei She’s hands were behind his back. His pupils stared right at Lin Dong, while an icy-cold aura faintly emerged from his body.

“The number of Nirvana Pills used to attack Nirvana Stage only serves as a gauge among practitioners who have yet to pass through any Nirvana Tribulations. Unfortunately for you, I have attempted to attack a Nirvana Tribulation two months ago.”

When he heard his words, Lin Dong's pupils suddenly shrunk, before he stared right at this man, called Lei She.

Nirvana Tribulation is the most important checkpoint for any Nirvana stage practitioners. Only when one survives a Nirvana Tribulation, can one add an additional title to his title: One Yuan.

The difference between One Yuan Nirvana Stage and ordinary Nirvana Stage is hardly insignificant. Nirvana stage has a total of nine stages. That was to say, each time one survived a Nirvana Tribulation, one's strength would surge and they cannot be spoken in the same breath as those who haven't.

Right now, Lin Dong had recently advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master. Furthermore, thanks to his Ancestral Devouring Symbol, he was able to activate the Yuan Power between Heaven and Earth in order to defeat a powerful Nirvana stage practitioner like Chen Mu. However, if he encountered a practitioner who had survived a Nirvana Tribulation, he would likely falter...

Precisely because of this, when Lin Dong heard that Lei She had actually touched this Nirvana Tribulation, which caused most Nirvana stage practitioners to salivate and fear, his heart was in shock.

These Devil Cliff Empire practitioners are truly skilled!

After he gently sighed inside his heart, Lin Dong retracted his stare before he turned to Lei She and smiled and said: "However, I

believe that you should have failed.”

A Nirvana Tribulation was just like a destructive flame for Nirvana stage practitioners. If one successfully survived through it, one would undergo a major metamorphosis just like one was reborn. However, if one failed to pass through, some lucky ones may still live, while most of them would directly lose their lives.

That is the reason why most Nirvana stage practitioners loved and feared the Nirvana Tribulation. It was the perfect way for them to strengthen themselves. However, in order to go through with it, one had to risk one's life.

Lin Dong was clearly aware just how powerful a Nirvana stage practitioner became after surviving a Nirvana Tribulation. Standing in front of him, even though Lei She was quite powerful, he still seemed somewhat lacking.

When he heard Lin Dong's words, Lei She's eyes narrowed, while his expression turned slightly grim. It seems like Lin Dong's words had hit where it hurt the most. After all, he was indeed unsuccessful when he tried to attack a Nirvana Tribulation. Nonetheless, he was fortunate enough to keep his life.

“Even though I did not successfully pass through, I have gained some benefits as well and it should be more than enough to take care of you.” Lei She was evidently irritated when he was forced to talk about this topic. In fact, even a cold glint slowly flowed in his triangular pupils.

“Chen Mu, it’s time to make a move.”

When they heard Lei She’s voice, a savage glint flashed across Chen Mu and the rest’s eyes. Following which, countless formidable Yuan Power glowing columns suddenly shot out, before all of them crisscrossed. Faintly, they formed into a glowing net that enveloped this entire domain.

“Today, you shall have nowhere to run!”

At a distance away, Lei She’s finger suddenly pointed at Lin Dong. Promptly, his expression turned grim, before he suddenly took a step forward. Following which, the air beneath suddenly exploded, before his figure disappeared in a peculiar fashion.

“He is really fast!”

Lin Dong’s pupils gently shrunk. Once Lei She made a move, it immediately showcased the difference between him and Chen Mu. In fact, even an endangered sensation arose in Lin Dong’s heart. Even though Lei She did not successfully survived a Nirvana Tribulation, he was still a man who had experienced it once before. Therefore, his strength naturally far exceeds that of any ordinary Nirvana stage practitioner.

As his Mental Energy slowly spread out, in the next instance, Lin Dong’s body suddenly sidestepped.

Boom!

Just as his body sidestepped, a cold and venomous claw suddenly appeared behind his back before it brushed past his shoulder. That claw-like hand vibrated at a high frequency while it held an alarming killing force.

“A Heavenly Symbol Master indeed.” After his attack failed, standing behind Lin Dong, Lei She gently smiled. Promptly, he jerked his arm before his arm actually began to grow in a peculiar fashion. Following which, he waved his arm, before he solidly slammed his arm against Lin Dong’s chest.

Boom!

A deep noise echoed out, while all the surrounding air was forcefully blown apart. In fact, even Lin Dong was forced to retreat several steps. As he sensed that painful sensation in his chest, his expression gradually turned solemn. It seems like Lei She was going to be a tricky foe.

“Huh?”

When he saw that Lin Dong did not suffer much injuries even after he forcefully withstood his attack, Lei She gasped in shock. Even if this attack landed on a Nirvana stage practitioner who possessed Nirvana Golden Body, the latter would definitely be wounded. However, Lin Dong was able to seemingly ignore it.

“Is it because of that black vest?” Lei She’s eyes narrowed as he glanced at that peculiar black vest on Lin Dong’s body. Promptly,

he licked his lips, while a bloodthirsty glint flashed across his eyes.

“I am curious to see how many attacks your black vest can withstand! Regardless of what tricks you have, the outcome will not change!”

Lei She grinned venomously. Promptly, his body suddenly shot out, before an alarming shockwave swivelled around his body.

Lin Dong glanced at a rapidly approaching Lei She, before he looked at that formation that was trapping him. Following which, a cold grin emerged on his face, before he softly said: “That may not be true.”

It is time to collect the net that they have laid down!

Chapter 464: Devouring World

A densely packed net of light spread out in the sky. Like a sturdy prison, it completely sealed off a several hundred kilometres radius. This formation was rather spectacular. Looks like the Devil Cliff Empire had come prepared this time.

Bang bang!

As the net of light spread, two figures crisscrossed at lightning-like speed above the lush woodlands. Terrifying energy waves erupted, causing a verdant tide sweep across the sea of green below. In the end, the tide was stopped by the descending light net.

Clearly, this formation was reasonably strong. Hence, no matter how fierce the battle between these two figures was, the area beyond the glowing net remained as calm as still water.

Chen Mu spitefully looked at the figure within the glowing net. Lin Dong's performance had certainly exceeded his expectations. However, no matter how much the latter struggled today, the end result would not change at all. Even Nirvana stage practitioners could not escape from this formation. Furthermore, with the addition of Lei She in this battle, even if Lin Dong was stronger, he would be hard pressed to escape his demise!

“Let me see how you can get out of this today!”

Boom!

As Chen Mu gnashed his teeth, the two figures suddenly bounced apart, each one landing in the sea of trees, ripping a gigantic crevice through the lush woodlands in the process.

“Bastard, you are indeed quite capable!”

Lei She jerked his body, dispersing the remnant energy within. He raised his head towards the figure who was not too far away while his eyes were surging with amazement and seriousness. Given his current strength, ordinary Nirvana stage practitioners would not have lasted ten rounds in a fight with him, yet Lin Dong had relied on his powerful Mental Energy alone to battle Lei She till this point. How could this not amaze him.

Lin Dong deeply exhaled as Devouring Force spread out in his body and swiftly devoured the damaging force rampaging inside. He lowered his head and glanced at his Devouring Armour, noticing a few tiny cracks on it. His ability to face Lei She head on was completely due to this Devouring Armour. Without it, Lin Dong’s inner organs would have been crushed. After all, Lei She was indeed quite formidable.

His eyes twinkling a little, Lin Dong lifted his head and looked ineffably at the slowly extending glowing net. He knew that Lei She was merely trying to stall him in order to give Chen Mu and his counterparts more time to complete the formation. Since the formation had now been completed, perhaps their next move would be to kill him.

“My Devil Cliff Empire focuses on the results, not the process. We have no problem ganging up on someone with superior numbers on our side!” Lei She chuckled sinisterly when he saw Lin Dong notice the glowing net in the sky.

“You are indeed a genius. If those events in the past hadn’t happened, I might recruit you into my Devil Cliff Empire. It is such a pity....” Lei She seemed to feel a tinge of regret. Soon after, he smiled again and raised his palm before he casually said, “Do it.”

As Lei She finished his sentence, the eyes of Chen Mu and his counterparts became sombre out of sudden while a sneer flashed across their faces. Their hand-seals transformed and the enormous glowing net began to flicker immediately.

Swish swish!

As the glowing net flicked, numerous light rays shot out from within and ripped apart the air with a terrifying speed. Then, the light rays came down and trapped Lin Dong tightly before he could escape.

“Chi!”

After the light rays bound Lin Dong, they began to flicker again. This time around, the light rays materialized into a huge glowing spear and blasted towards Lin Dong ruthlessly.

“It’s over.....” Upon seeing Lin Dong being rendered immobile,

Lei She muttered to himself while the corner of his mouth curled slightly.

The glowing spear ripped through the sky and was accompanied by a palpitating energy wave. In a blink of an eye, it appeared thirty feet before Lin Dong. Due to the powerful shock wave from the glowing spear, Lin Dong's Devouring Armour began to tremble continuously. It must have sensed the deadly incoming attack.

Lin Dong's eyes locked on to the glowing spear. Instead of containing fear, his eyes contained a tinge of cockiness. Then a black hole started to form and expand in front of his body with a lightning speed. The incoming glowing spear went straight into the black hole. Indistinctly, a frantic explosion could be heard from within the black hole. Eventually, the sound disappeared along with the black hole.

The unforeseen event froze the smiles on Lei She and his counterparts' faces. Then, their facial expressions became increasingly cold.

"I have already said that I have waited a long time for all of you..."

Under the cold gazes from Lei She and his counterparts, Lin Dong raised his head and gave them an indifferent smile. Upon seeing Lin Dong's smile, for some reasons, Lei She's heart unexpectedly sank.

After finishing his sentence, Lin Dong did not open his mouth

anymore. His body trembled slightly and the Devouring Power began to extend from it silently. The light rays that bound Lin Dong's body melted rapidly as if they were snow that had encountered heat.

“No matter what tricks you have up your sleeves, do you really think that you alone can stop two Nirvana stage and eight quasi-Nirvana stage practitioners' encirclement?” Lei She yelled with a ghastly tone.

This kind of formation was enough to kill any Nirvana stage practitioner, Even if Lin Dong possessed the Bloody Soul Puppet and the status of Heaven Symbol Master, he still would not be qualified to stop this formation!

Lin Dong loosened his wrists and flashed a mocking smile at Lei She. Soon after, his eyes began to surge with strains of chilliness.

“Since you have come to hunt me down, you should have planned for the worst scenario. That is because you might lose your lives in the mission this time around!”

“Just by you alone!?” Chen Mu cackled nastily.

“Just me alone.”

Lin Dong nodded his head seriously. Soon after, his hands suddenly performed a hand-seal. At the same time, in the stone talisman, the long-awaiting Little Marten gave a weird chuckle and

its claws performed a hand-seal that was similar to Lin Dong's.

Boom!

As Lin Dong and Little Marten performed a similar hand-seal at the same time, the lush woodlands suddenly began to waver. After a short moment, the lush woodlands was torn apart and a canopy of darkness shot up into the sky. Within a short period of time, the canopy formed a space of darkness and began to engulf the glowing web formation!

The sudden change in situation changed the facial expressions of Lei She and his counterparts. As they continued looking at the space of darkness that was engulfing their glowing web, a wave of chilliness gushed through their minds. It seemed that the space of darkness could even destroy light.

“Kill him!” Lei She bellowed as he quickly returned to a state of calmness and his eyes ashened.

No matter what tactics Lin Dong executed, as long as he was killed, all these weird happenings would cease to occur.

Upon hearing Lei She's voice, Chen Mu and his counterparts returned to their sense. Immediately, their hand-seals changed and the glowing web began to coagulate again. Numerous glowing spears were formed in the process.

Poof poof!

However, this time around, after the glowing spears were formed, they were being pulled abruptly and then vanished into the thin air under the shocking gazes from Chen Mu and his counterparts.

“Darn! Our formation is vanishing!” After Chen Mu and his counterparts saw what had happened, they shouted in astonishment as if they had sensed something.

Upon hearing what was said, Lei She’s facial expression changed drastically. Indeed, the glowing web was diminishing with a speed that could be observed with a naked eye. It was as if the glowing web was losing energy rapidly.

“Maintain the formation!” Lei She’s eyes were flickering. Soon after, he clenched his teeth and palms, before a black-coloured soft sword appeared in his hand. Then, he moved his body and flew towards Lin Dong. This time around, he had pushed the Yuan Power in his body to its maximum. Clearly, he did not want to give Lin Dong any time to do something funny.

“This is my Devouring World. There is nowhere to run.”

Even when he saw an incoming Lei She, who was accompanied by a terrifying outburst of energy, Lin Dong merely smiled. With a jolt of his body, Lin Dong oddly escaped from the glowing net and disappeared into the deep darkness.

After Lei She saw Lin Dong disappeared, the former’s face

ashened immediately. He tried to look around in the extreme darkness while the tinge of chilliness that was creeping in his mind was getting increasingly stronger.

“Senior Lei She, the Yuan Power in our bodies are dissipating rapidly. This place is stealing our Yuan Power!” While Lei She was at a loss, those Devil Cliff Empire practitioners shouted out in fear.

While these people were in shock, Lei She’s face was twitching. That was because he knew that the Yuan Power in his body was dissipating slowly as well. Apparently, this place of darkness was devouring the Yuan Power in their bodies.

“Goddamit!”

At this moment, even the cool-headed Lei She could not help but break out in rage. He then snarled, “Lin Dong, come out and fight with me, you coward!”

“I’m sorry. The way I do things is that I only care about the end results, rather than the process.....”

Suddenly, a mocking voice came from the abyss of the darkness. Lei She’s eyes hardened and hurled a brutal punch in the direction of the source of the voice. However, there was no response or reaction.

“Senior Lei She, the formation is about to break!”

A gush of fear swept across Chen Mu's eyes. He then looked at the slowly weakening glowing net. This was their only source of light now.

Even when Lei She heard Chen Mu's words, the former continued clenching his fists. He had no ways to break out of this world of darkness. Right now, they could only wait helplessly for the Yuan Power in their bodies to dissipate. When their Yuan Power were completely exhausted, they would not have the strength to resist Lin Dong....

Poof!

Under the dreadful gazes from Lei She and his counterparts, the glowing net got increasingly weaker and eventually disappeared. Finally, this place had descended into complete darkness.

Above the lush woodlands, a humongous, square-shaped canopy of darkness had engulfed the mid-air. Even the light was devoured by the darkness.

Outside of the square-shaped canopy of darkness, Lin Dong was standing on a lofty tree while keeping his eyes closed and waiting for the time to pass slowly. Finally, the positions of the prey and predator had been swapped perfectly.

Chapter 465: Fat Lamb

A light breeze blew across the lush woodlands, causing ripples to spread outwards on the sea of green that extended all the way till the end of one's vision.

A humongous, square-shaped canopy of darkness towered silently over centre of the lush woodlands. The darkness was completely still, so still that it made one's heart shiver.

The area a dozen feet around the canopy of darkness was in a state of semi-darkness. Even the rays of light that shot down from the sky were devoured by the canopy of darkness. From afar, the canopy of darkness was like a terrifying bottomless pit.

Lin Dong silently stood outside the four-cornered canopy of darkness. He raised his head and looked at his masterpiece, amazement surging in his eyes.

“How is it? This is one of the abilities of the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, Devouring World. As long as one is within it, his or her Yuan Power and Mental Energy will be gradually devoured. You are the master of this space. As long as you can keep the battle in this place, the more you fight, the more ferocious you will become. On the other hand, your opponents will grow increasingly weaker till the point they are completely exhausted.” Little Marten appeared on Lin Dong's shoulder and beamed while looking at the Devouring World in front of them. Its words were said with a rather pleased tone.

“However, you are still too weak. If you were a little stronger, the Devouring World would be even more terrifying. So much so that even someone like Lei She, who only has that bit of skill, will have his Yuan Power drained within seconds. Unlike now where we are currently so doggedly waiting.”

“Furthermore, if you can master the Devouring Ancestral Symbol in future, you will be able to devour not only Yuan Power and Mental Energy, but one’s life force as well.”

“Life force?” Upon hearing these words, Lin Dong was finally a little moved.

“I once read in ancient texts about a practitioner who obtained the Devouring Ancestral Symbol in the distant past. Heh, once that practitioner activated the Devouring World, he was able to sever the life of all living things within a thousand miles with a single thought,” Little Marten’s eyes were filled with a little admiration. Clearly, even Little Marten was envious of that kind of power.

“Does the Devouring World have no weaknesses?” Lin Dong could not help but ask. If there was no way to stop the Devouring World once it was activated, it would really be too much of a cheat.

“In this world, there is nothing that is absolutely invincible. The Devouring World might be powerful, but it has its limits too. I might not know about other weaknesses but with the current way you have activated the Devouring World, if you really want to kill those practitioners that have passed the Nirvana Tribulation, there will be some difficulties.” Little Marten replied while shaking its head.

At this moment, Lin Dong then came to a sudden realization. He clearly understood how powerful those practitioners who had passed through the Nirvana Tribulation were. Naturally, he would not fantasize about killing such practitioners.

“Of course, even though you can’t trap to death Nirvana stage practitioners who have passed the Nirvana Tribulation like what you did to Lei She and his counterparts, those practitioners still need to use an extremely huge amount of strength to break out of the Devouring World. If you encounter such troublesome foes in future, as long as you activate the Devouring World, making an escape won’t be a problem.”

Lin Dong slowly nodded his head, slightly excited in his heart. This degree of power had already surpassed his expectations. He knew that there were definitely some Nirvana stage practitioners who had passed the Nirvana Tribulation in the Devil Cliff Empire. Since he had completely offended them, he had to prepare more tricks to deal future troubles.

“It’s about time...”

Lin Dong raised his head and looked at the Devouring World before them. He could feel that the auras in the dark space were already extremely weak. With a smile, Lin Dong waved his hand as numerous ripples swept across the Devouring World. The black light started to undulate before gradually fading.

As the Devouring World began to fade, the canopy of darkness

that drove fear into one's heart started to dissipate rapidly. Soon after, numerous groans could be heard as ten sorry figures fell from mid-air and weakly landing atop the sea of trees.

Naturally, the ten figures were Lei She and his counterparts, who were previously trapped in the Devouring World. However, their faces were currently deathly pale and even their auras were extremely faint. The vigorous Yuan Power undulations that they gave off before had now completely disappeared.

The abrupt withdrawal of the darkness was clearly something that Lei She and his counterparts could not adapt to so quickly. Ordinary sunlight caused them to squint their eyes while they were panted heavily. while their faces still displayed fear and shock. Clearly, they had suffered a lot in the Devouring World.

Lin Dong was very clear about the dark and dull atmosphere created by the Devouring Power. At that time, when he was trapped in the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, he almost went insane. Even though Lei She and his counterparts were only trapped for about ten minutes, it was enough to leave a scar in their minds. It could be assumed that they would not dare to enter any dark places anymore in the future.

Lin Dong looked smilingly at the devastated Lei She and his counterparts and then laughed indifferently, "It appears that the Devil Cliff Empire has to lose some of their men again."

Upon hearing Lin Dong's voice, a shudder went down Lei She's heart. A tinge of chilliness gushed through Lei She's mind as he raised his head quickly and looked at the sneering Lin Dong. He

really could not understand why would Lin Dong possess so many incredible tricks. The previously executed Devouring World was simply not a move that an ordinary Heaven Symbol Master could execute!

At this moment, Lei She finally came to realise that their Devil Cliff Empire had encountered a serious foe this time around.

“Retreat.”

As Lei She saw Lin Dong’s mocking and indifferent gaze, the former’s hair stood on end. However, Lei She was still able to make a firm decision. Given the current situation, they were in no condition to fight Lin Dong. Even though there were many of them, their current fighting capabilities were less than ten percent of their usual fighting form. Clearly, if they wanted to contend against Lin Dong now, it would akin to throwing an egg against a rock.

Upon hearing Lei She’s words, Chen Mu and his counterparts’ facial expressions changed drastically. Soon after, they clenched their teeth and activated the last bit of Yuan Power in their bodies and flew away in every directions.

Even at this moment, Lei She and his men were able to retreat in a calm and systematic way. This certainly shocked Lin Dong. Undoubtedly, the Devil Cliff Empire was indeed a high rank empire. This kind of discipline far exceeded those mid-ranked and low-ranked empires. However, Lin Dong would not allow Lei She and his counterparts to escape after taking great pains to set up this trap. Right now, he needed Nirvana pills urgently and these

people were the big fishes. How could he let them off easily?

“I’m afraid it’s a bit too late to run now.”

As Lin Dong saw those figures scattering in fear, he laughed. With a jolt of his mind, boundless Mental Energy gushed out and became ten huge Mental Energy-formed hands which pounced on that ten escaping figures.

Bang bang bang!

Lei She and his counterparts were terrified when they saw the ten incoming, huge Mental Energy-formed hands. They then mobilized the Yuan Power in their bodies and tried to carry out an attack. However, those huge hands were not even bothered by their weak attacks.

“Come back!”

With a swipe from Lin Dong’s huge hands, those escaping figures were recaptured and thrown ruthlessly to the ground. The shock from that tremendous amount of force were able to make them spewed out blood violently.

Lei She was the last one to be recaptured. Undeniably, this fellow was indeed capable. Even in this situation, Lin Dong had to exert much efforts to recapture him.

Thump!

Following which, Lei She's body was being thrown alongside with his men in a devastated state. They then looked at the smiling Lin Dong, who had just landed in front of them, with a pale-white face. At this moment, their minds were in a state of shock. Not too long ago, they were still in an advantageous position. However, in less than half an hour, all of them had become Lin Dong's preys.

"What do you want?" Lei She's face was pale. Apparently, he did not expect themselves to fall into such dire situation even when they were so well-prepared this time around.

"Hand over your Qiankun bags and I don't wish to hear any nonsense. At the same time, I hope I don't need to do it myself." Lin Dong smiled. His smile certainly struck fear into Lei She and his counterparts' hearts.

Due to Lin Dong's smile, Lei She's swallowed the stubborn words that he had been wanting to say. The look in Lei She's eyes changed and he could only accept this cruel reality. Right now, they did not have the rights to reject at all.

"Take it!"

Lei She took out a Qiankun bag from his shirt and threw it fiercely with his trembling hands. Upon seeing this, Chen Mu and his counterparts could only bear with their heartaches and took out their Qiankun bags as well.

After Lin Dong took over the ten Qiankun bags, he focused his

Mental Energy on them. After a short while, a overjoy look then appeared on his face. The total number of Nirvana pills in these ten Qiankun bags amounted to approximately three hundred thousand. This was considered a hefty reward to Lin Dong.

Other than Nirvana pills, there were some valuable Demonic Crystals as well. Moreover, Lin Dong was able to find three Nirvana stage beasts' Demonic Crystals in Lei She's Qiankun bag. The vigorous Nirvana Qi from these Demonic Crystal was worth ten to twenty thousand Nirvana pills.

“Not bad, there are around three hundred thousand Nirvana pills.”

Without any trace of courtesy, Lin Dong kept these Nirvana pills into his own Qiankun bag. Then, he furrowed his eyebrows. He did not want to attack the Nirvana stage carelessly before preparing an abundant amount of Nirvana pills. His targeted amount of Nirvana pills was at least a few millions.

“Hehe, it's not difficult to get more Nirvana pills. These fellows are actually living Nirvana pills,” Just as Lin Dong was furrowing his brows, Little Marten's voice rang across his mind.

“Nirvana stage practitioners are extremely important to any high-ranked empires. Some of these people are in quasi-Nirvana stage. In the future, they might have to chance to attain the Nirvana stage as well. If these people are killed, the Devil Cliff Empire will suffer a devastating blow.”

“Therefore, I think that the Devil Cliff Empire will pay a large sum of Nirvana pills in exchange for these people’s lives.”

Upon hearing Little Marten’s words, Lin Dong was startled momentarily. Following which, his mouth began to form into a shape of an arc, which in turn sent a gush of chilliness through Lei She and his counterparts’ bodies. Lin Dong then muttered in a low voice, “Kidnapping and blackmailing seems to be an interesting business.”

Chapter 466: Kidnap and Ransom

Although they did not know what Lin Dong was mumbling about, judging by his expression, Lei She and the rest knew that he was definitely up to no good. Immediately, their scalps turned numb. After fighting with him, all of them knew that this man before them was no virtuous soul and god knows what strange method he was cooking up to deal with them.

“Lin Dong, if you kill us, our Devil Cliff Empire will never let you off. Even though your strength and methods are not weak, you cannot match up to the elite practitioners of my Devil Cliff Empire. You should be able to guess the cultivation stage of our top practitioner. He is a man you cannot afford to offend.”

Lei She was after all no ordinary individual. Even though his life was now at the whims and fancies of Lin Dong, he still spoke in such an unyielding manner.

“Don’t I already have a death grudge with your Devil Cliff Empire? Do you really think I am stupid enough to believe that your Devil Cliff Empire will forgive me if I let you guys off?” Lin Dong chuckled. However, his chuckle caused Lei She to be taken aback.

“However, don’t worry. I will not kill you guys.” When they heard Lin Dong’s words, Lei She and the rest were stunned.

Lin Dong was all smiles. Promptly, he haphazardly chose one of them and tossed him, before he casually said: “Go back and report

to your Devil Cliff Empire leader. Tell him that if he wants Lei She's life, he will have to exchange it for Nirvana Pills."

"You... You actually dare to use hostages to extort our Devil Cliff Empire!"

When they heard his words, Lei She and the rest finally understood Lin Dong's plans. Immediately, all of them were stunned, before they promptly exclaimed in rage.

"Ask your Devil Cliff Empire to prepare one million Nirvana Pills. Once you are done, I will come down to collect. If you refuse, I will give you some corpses in return." Lin Dong chose to ignore them, as he stared at that elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioner and said.

That elite Devil Cliff Empire's face was a mix of a pale and steely green expression. Evidently, this was the first time he had met a madman that actually dared to extort their Devil Cliff Empire. However, he was no fool. Right now, Lei She and the rest were at the mercy of Lin Dong and he had no right to speak back."

"I will send the word back. However, I wonder if you will have to courage to pick up those pills!" That Devil Cliff Empire practitioner gritted his teeth, before he viciously retorted. Following which, he hideously turned around and fled.

After Lin Dong saw that figure depart, he was all smiles as he turned around and look at Lei She and the rest, before he said: "I have given you an opportunity to live. However, as to whether your Devil Cliff Empire leader is willing to forsake Nirvana Pills in

order to save you guys, it will have to depend on how much he values all of you.”

“One million Nirvana Pills. You are simply too greedy. I am afraid you won’t have the stomach to handle it!” Lei She gritted his teeth as he said.

“Don’t worry, I can easily handle it. In fact, this should not concern you. You guys should be worrying about whether your empire is willing to fork out the Nirvana Pills. Perhaps, you guys are not even worth one million Nirvana Pills in their opinion?” Lin Dong stretched his back, while a peculiar taste lingered in his words. His plan was quite diabolical. If the leader of Devil Cliff Empire was unwilling to use Nirvana Pills to secure the hostages, even if Lei She and the rest managed to survive and return, they would definitely feel unhappy. This may prove to be a hidden time-bomb in the future.

Lei She and the rest had a grim expression while their eyes were gloomy. No one knew what they were thinking of.

Lin Dong chose to ignore their expressions. With a flick of his mind, Mental Energy immediately penetrated their bodies and formed into a seal. This would prevent them from absorbing the Yuan Power between Heaven and Earth in order to recover. Furthermore, once they made any sudden moves, Lin Dong would immediately detect it.

“It seems like we should leave this area first. Since I have obtained three hundred thousand Nirvana Pills, I can attack half-step-to Nirvana stage. Now that I have completely offended the

Devil Cliff Empire, I should quickly upgrade myself...”

After finishing, Lin Dong was silent for a moment, before he promptly jerked his arm. Immediately, Little Flame leap out from his sleeves before it transformed into battle mode and directly carried Lei She and the rest on his back. Following which, it flapped its wings before it dashed forth together with Lin Dong and quickly disappeared into the mountain range.

After flying across the mountain range for a while, Lin Dong finally picked a resting spot. Waving his sleeves, he directly knocked out Lei She and the rest. Promptly, Little Marten finally appeared leisurely.

“I will attempt to attack half-step-to Nirvana stage. Please help me to look after those fellows.” Staring at Little Marten, Lin Dong smiled as he said.

“Alright. However, before you do that, you should erase that blood seal inside your body. Right now, that item is completely useless.” Little Marten nodded it’s head before it cautiously said.

Lin Dong smiled. Without further ado, he immediately sat down before he calmed himself down and gradually entered into cultivation mode. As he slowly circulated the Yuan Power inside his body, he started to wipe off the blood seal inside his body...

It took Lin Dong an entire day in order to remove that blood seal and that item was indeed quite tricky. Thankfully, it was not too troublesome. By using his formidable Yuan Power, Lin Dong was

able to get rid of it safely.

After erasing the blood seal, Lin Dong stealthily heaved a sigh of relief. It seems like the Devil Cliff Empire will no longer be able to track him.

“It’s time to attack half-step-to Nirvana stage...”

Lin Dong had already advanced to peak Manifestation stage for quite some time. During this period of time, he had already reached the pinnacle of peak Manifestation stage. Therefore, once he had sufficient Nirvana Qi, it was going to be quite easy for him to attack half-step-to Nirvana stage.

With regards to Nirvana Qi, since he had just obtained three hundred thousand Nirvana Pills, it was obviously no problem to Lin Dong.

“Huff!”

A puff of white air escaped from Lin Dong’s nostrils. Promptly, Lin Dong lifted his palm, before countless fiery-red Nirvana Pills gushed out from within his Qiankun bag and transformed into a fiery lake and hovered above him.

When such a large amount of Nirvana Pills, the entire domain seemed to have boiled, as traces of fiery-red Nirvana Qi seeped out and caused the surrounding air to turn dry.

Lin Dong lifted his head. When he saw that burning stream of energy, he smiled. Promptly, his mind moves, before a black hole slowly extended behind him. Following which, streams of Devouring Force gushed out before all the Nirvana Pills flew down and continuously tunneled into that bottomless black hole...

As these Nirvana Pills continuously flew in, Lin Dong's skin gradually turned fiery-red. Faintly, one could see a sparkling golden glow

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Devil Cliff City. This city had a fairly renowned reputation in the northwest region of the ancient battlefield. Naturally, the name came from the city's overload, Devil Cliff Empire.

There were numerous empires in Devil Cliff City and most of them were mid to low rank empires. Of course, there were also a few high rank empires. However, all of them had to acknowledge that this city's overlord is the Devil Cliff Empire.

The fact that they could force so many empires to acknowledge their strength, which even include high rank empires, showcased the might of the Devil Cliff Empire.

Right now, the latest rumours leading to the most uproar in Devil Cliff City, was naturally regarding Lin Dong, who had the guts to actually kill a Nirvana stage practitioner from Devil Cliff Empire.

Some of the more astute empires have already gotten wind of this information. This time around, the Devil Cliff Empire had sent a fairly formidable lineup in order to kill Lin Dong. Amongst them, were Lei She, Chen Mu and other powerful Nirvana stage practitioner. Therefore, most people believed that Lin Dong was definitely going to die. That is because all of them were keenly aware of just how powerful those men were. When Chen Mu attacked Nirvana stage, he had used five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills. Meanwhile, Lei She is even more powerful. Even though he failed to pass through the Nirvana Tribulation, the fact that he could still survive indicated that his strength far exceeded that of a ordinary Nirvana stage practitioner. Furthermore, the rest who accompanied them were all imitation Nirvana stage practitioners, who were about to advance to Nirvana stage.

Against such a lineup, disregarding Lin Dong who had just advanced to Heavenly Symbol Master, even if there were two of him, it would be difficult for him to survive.

For several days, these rumours were discussed enthusiastically in Devil Cliff City. However, when they saw that Lei She and the rest had yet to return, most of them felt perplexed. Some of the more astute ones, even faintly detected that something had went wrong.

Under this pretext, the city's atmosphere slowly turned increasingly heated. Even though the Devil Cliff Empire is the overlord in Devil Cliff City, none of them here were submissive individuals. In particular, though some of the high rank empires typically feared the Devil Cliff Empire and did not dare to offend them, they still felt joyous when they saw them being on the losing end and losing their dignity.

As this city heated up, two days had passed. Finally, several of them saw a hideous-looking figure jump over the high walls, before he headed into the city.

This city had no shortage of capable men. Therefore, they immediately realized that this man had left together with Lei She and the rest.

However, when they first left, their ranks were strong and their morale was high. Yet, only one hideous-looking figure returned.

As he stared at that hideous-looking figure, the Devil Cliff City descended into silence. Meanwhile, a horrifying though stealthily emerged in everyone's mind...

In the middle of Devil Cliff City, stood a tall spire. This was the tallest building in the city and one could oversee the entire city by standing on top of the tower.

Right now, the atmosphere on the top of that spire was so tense that it caused one's heart to shudder. All the elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioners were gathered here, while their eyes were in shock as they stared above the stone temple. At that spot, there was a man wearing white robes quietly seated on a stone chair. Though he did not speak, a terrifying icy cold aura spread out from his body.

Under the stares from the crowd, that man in white robes seated on that stone chair, gradually lowered his head, before he stared at

a trembling figure in the large hall. On his handsome face, there was a gentle and playful smile.

“That Lin Dong wants us to prepare one million Nirvana Pills in exchange for Lei She and the rest’s lives?”

When they heard that laughter that came from that stone chair, that elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioner that had been spared by Lin Dong immediately trembled. With his back drenched by sweat, he trembled while he nodded his head.

“Bang!”

An exceedingly powerful shockwind swept across the large hall, before that elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioner was viciously slammed against a stone pillar. Immediately, he vomited out a mouthful of fresh blood. Following which, he promptly bowed down even lower and he did not even dare to wipe the blood stains off his mouth.

“A bunch of useless shit.”

The man wearing white robes finally stopped smiling, before he slowly stood up, while a bone-chilling expression hung on his lips. As he stared into the distant, a venomous glow flowed in his eyes.

“I will prepare the Nirvana Pills for him. However, I wonder if he has the guts to collect them!”

Chapter 467: Attacking the Half-step-to Nirvana Stage

Even though the Devil Cliff Empire tried to suppress it, the news of Lei She and his counterparts suffering a crushing defeat in the hands of Lin Dong still spread out in one night's time. This news certainly shocked the entire city as astonishment gushed through everyone's minds.

Clearly, this result had exceeded the expectations of everyone in the city!

At that time when Lei She and his counterparts set off, everyone had no qualms about them. Capturing a practitioner who had just attained the Heaven Symbol Master should be an easy task for this kind of line-up. However, the end result caused everyone's eyes to pop out. Moreover, the most distressing issue was Lin Dong's kidnapping and blackmailing.

After this news spread out, even some disciplined practitioners went into a daze for a few moments before returning to their senses. Their facial expressions could only be described by one word – amaze. Even though the Devil Cliff Empire was not considered an invincible overlord in the Northwest region of the Ancient Empire, they were still an extremely powerful empire and even the other high-ranked empires did not wish to have any conflicts with them.

The first reason for this was that the Devil Cliff Empire was indeed quite powerful. The second reason was that the Devil Cliff Empire was extremely vengeful. They will try to achieve their

goals by hook or by crook. Hence, no one wanted to have anything to do with this troublesome empire. In fact, even when the Devil Cliff Empire was being tyrannical, no one dared to confront and offend them.

Of course, this does not mean the Devil Cliff Empire could afford to be brainless. They also understood there were some empires that they could not afford to offend and they would not be so foolish as to challenge those empires....

As time passed, the reputation of the Devil Cliff Empire got increasingly notorious. Therefore, when some of the empires in the Devil Cliff City heard that someone wanted to blackmail the Devil Cliff Empire, it was as if they had heard an world-shaking news. That kind of shock was indescribable.

Thus, in the next few days, everyone in the Devil Cliff City was anticipating anxiously. They wanted to see if the conceited person, who had blackmailed the Devil Cliff Empire for one million Nirvana pills, possessed remarkable abilities so much so that he dared to do such a horrifying thing.

Naturally, there were some people who felt that Lin Dong was merely bluffing and from their perspectives, Lin Dong would not have the guts to come to the Devil Cliff City and collect the Nirvana pills. The fact that Lin Dong was able to defeat Lei She and his counterparts was amazing, but one must remember that Lei She and his counterparts were not the best fighters in the Devil Cliff Empire.

No matter what kind of discussions were out there, it was clear

that the people in the Devil Cliff City were waiting for that man's arrival....

While everyone was anticipating anxiously in the Devil Cliff City, a distant mountain range was engulfed in blazing heat. A powerful current of energy, which was formed by fusion of Nirvana pills, hovered around the mountain like fiery-red, glowing cassia. Astonishing waves of Nirvana Qi were given off in the process.

Lin Dong sat cross-leggedly and silently beneath that powerful current of energy. Right now, his body was giving off a scarlet glow, looking like a red-hot burning charcoal. Boiling temperature was seeping out from his body, causing the nearby grass patches to be burnt and withered.

In the mid-air, there was a black hole hovering over Lin Dong's head. The powerful current of energy that was formed by the fusion of Nirvana pills was constantly pouring into the black hole. With a terrifying speed, the energy was being refined into surging Nirvana Qi which then gushed into Lin Dong's entire body.

Whoosh!

This time around, the number of Nirvana pills that Lin Dong used was approximately one hundred thousand. This is a reasonably large number. After all, when Li Pan was attacking the Nirvana stage, he only used the same number of Nirvana pills. However, currently, Lin Dong was merely attacking the half-step-to Nirvana stage and he already took out this number of pills in one breath. No doubt, this is considered a large amount.

With one hundred thousand Nirvana pills as backup, Lin Dong did not worry about the shortage of Nirvana Qi. The only thing he worried about was whether his body could withstand such vigorous intake of Nirvana Qi.

Nirvana Qi provides an extremely remarkable result for tempering and strengthening one's body. However, the better a tonic is, the more poisonous it will be if one keeps using it. Nirvana Qi followed the same logic as well. If it was forcefully absorbed and the body could not take it, a fire would ignite in that person's heart and eventually burned him from inside out and not even ashes would remain in the end.

For the amount of Nirvana Qi generated from one hundred thousand Nirvana pills, let's not talk about a half-step-to practitioner, even a quasi-Nirvana stage practitioner like Liu Yuan would carefully consume them bit by bit. Only those who had successfully passed through the Nirvana Tribulation would have the ability to consume these Nirvana Qi in a large chunk like what Lin Dong was doing.

Therefore, it was rather foolish to consume one hundred thousand Nirvana pills worth of Nirvana Qi in one go. If Lin Dong did not possess the Devouring Ancestral Symbol and the Lesser Nirvana Golden Body, he would be reduced to ashes. However, there is no such thing as 'if' in this world. Since Lin Dong dared to be so insolent, he naturally possessed the ability and Nirvana pills to do so.

After being devoured by the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, the

previously volatile Nirvana Qi smoothened down significantly. Furthermore, with the addition of the Lesser Nirvana Golden Body, even though the process of absorbing Nirvana Qi posed a few sufferings for Lin Dong, the worst situation clearly did not occur.

He had successfully withstand the body-incinerating Nirvana Qi!

Meanwhile, Little Marten sat on the back of Little Flame while squinting its eye and looking at the heat-radiating Lin Dong. It could not help but nod its head slightly. Little Marten could feel that the Yuan Power in Lin Dong's body was increasing at a terrifying speed. Apparently, these one hundred thousand Nirvana pills had provided him with a lot of benefits.

“Given the current speed, these one hundred thousand Nirvana pills can be completely absorbed within the next two days....” Little Marten muttered to itself. If the news of such absorbing speed was being spread out, people would pass out from shock. If this was some other guy who was absorbing one hundred thousand Nirvana pills, he would need at least half a month. However, with the help of the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, Lin Dong could take in one hundred thousand Nirvana pills in a few days' time without any repercussions.

And just as what Little Marten had expected, after two days had passed quietly, the previously hovering current of energy in the mid-air disappeared as the last Nirvana pill got devoured by the black hole. A moment of silence swept across the mountain peak.

The silence lasted for around ten seconds before a terrifying wave of energy swept out from Lin Dong, whose eyes were tightly shut.

Some of the huge rocks around him were blew up into fine powder.

Swoosh!

His tightly-shut eyes finally opened and two red-colored light beams shot out from them. The light beams then landed upon the lush woodlands beneath him and ripped out two gigantic burnt marks that were a few hundred feet long.

A flame-like breath then shot out from Lin Dong's mouth and thoroughly burned the air in front of him. He lowered his head and looked at his palms. With a jolt of his mind, resplendent golden radiance gushed rapidly beneath the skin of his palms. In a blink of an eye, both of his palms seemed to be made of real gold, giving off the shine of gold and appeared indestructible.

With the official attainment of the half-step-to Nirvana stage, Lin Dong's Lesser Nirvana Golden Body also improved greatly. It was even comparable to some of the Nirvana stage practitioners' Nirvana Golden Body.

Usually, when the half-step-to Nirvana stage was attained, most people would be strengthened thanks to the large amount of Nirvana Qi. Indistinctly, there would be signs of the Nirvana Golden Body forming as well. However, it was clear that they could not be compared to Lin Dong. Their strengthening process mostly consisted of becoming stronger and even some outstanding ones might form a solid golden radiance on their bodies for a short period of time. However, they would never reach the same level of Lin Dong, whose arms looked as if they were casted from real gold.

Lin Dong casually swiped his golden-radiated palm at a nearby tree. As his arm made contact with the tree, his arm melted through the tree like a knife cutting through a piece of tofu. The degree of sharpness would make one tongue-tied.

“Not bad.”

Lin Dong was rather satisfied with his growth. With a smile, the golden radiance on his arms withdrew and returned to their normal colour. He then stretched his body and stood up.

“Your absorption rate is faster than what I have expected. It seems you are getting more familiar with the use and control of the Devouring Ancestral Symbol as well....” Little Marten flew over and chuckled.

Lin Dong smiled and casted a glance at Lei She and his counterparts, who were in a coma. He then spoke softly, “I think it’s time to collect the Nirvana pills. However, I feel that it will not be so smooth this time around....”

Even though Lin Dong did not receive any news from the outside world, he could guess the impact of his actions. Perhaps, the leader of the Devil Cliff Empire was already clenching his teeth and waiting for him to arrive.

“Hey, men die for wealth while birds die for food. Without Nirvana pills, it’s impossible to break through the Nirvana stage....” Little Marten laughed oddly while giving an expression as

if it wished for the whole world to be in chaos.

Lin Dong bit his lips and nodded his head. He did not really fear anything. No matter how ferocious the Devil Cliff Empire was, he would still have a way to escape. Given the vastness of the Ancient Battlefield, would he even be scared of the Devil Cliff Empire flipping up the entire land to search for him?

“Furthermore, while you are training, I have done something to these people’s bodies. In the future, if they dare to try anything funny, I will make sure they suffer,” Little Marten chuckled wickedly.

Lin Dong startled for a moment before breaking into laughter. Indeed, Little Marten had a lot of evil tricks up its sleeves. Even when they were going to use these people to exchange for Nirvana pills, Little Marten still would not let them off.

“That’s good too. This can prevent troubles in the future.”

Lin Dong raised his head and gazed into the distant horizon. His eyes were blazing with flames once again.

“It’s time to set off. I really want to see what is the Devil Cliff Empire made of. I’m definitely getting this one million Nirvana pills!”

Chapter 468: Collecting The Pills

During this period of time, Devil Cliff City had undoubtedly become the focus of attention in the Northwest region of the Ancient Battlefield and news that leaked out from here spread with a terrifying speed.

As the news spread, it piqued a lot of people's interest. Some people even rushed to the Devil Cliff City just to see what astounding capabilities the man who blackmailed the Devil Cliff Empire possessed.

Undoubtedly, the popularity of the Devil Cliff City had risen significantly. Everyone in this city was anxiously anticipating the firestorm that was about to come.

Under such anticipation and expectation, two days went by silently. Yet Lin Dong, who was supposed to collect the Nirvana pills had yet to show up. Indistinctly, this led to people feeling impatient and suspicious. Could it be that this fellow was merely boasting and purposely annoying the Devil Cliff Empire?

However, if this was really the case, it would be disappointing for everyone. Therefore, as time passed, sneering and disdainful comments arose in the Devil Cliff City. These people must have thought that the recent buzzing event was only a publicity stunt by the lad named Lin Dong.

Naturally, no matter how rife the spread of the news was, the atmosphere was still solemn and sombre in the highly-regarded

stone palace. That kind of pressure was enough to suffocate one's breathing.

In the stone palace, there was a white-clothed man sitting apathetically on a stone chair. His pale and slender fingers were drumming softly along the armrest of the chair. The subtle yet crisp drumming sound of his fingers echoed throughout the dead-silent stone palace, exerting a suffocating presence.

Beneath that white-clothed man, there were many figures. These people were the elites from the Devil Cliff Empire. However, there were a few spots which were empty. When Lin Dong took out Lei She, Chen Mu and their counterparts in one swoop, he dealt a devastating blow to the Devil Cliff Empire. After all, a lot of resources were spent on nurturing these two men.

“Senior Shi Xuan, it has been three days and there's still no sign of Lin Dong. Is it possible that he is playing with us?” Finally, a figure could not help but asked in a low voice after the pressured atmosphere continued for a long time.

“That lad is crazily daring. I wonder what methods he used to capture Lei She and the rest. And because of this, he dares to challenge the Devil Cliff Empire. However, these two days, he must have realized how foolish his actions were after he calmed down...” Another man sneered involuntarily. These two days, Lin Dong had stressed them out and therefore they were extremely angry towards him.

“Even though Lei She failed to pass through the Nirvana Tribulation, he had still made great progress. Therefore, ordinary

Nirvana stage practitioners shouldn't be his match. Furthermore, with help from Chen Mu and the rest, as long as it's not someone who has passed through the Nirvana Tribulation, nobody should be able to defeat them. However, Lin Dong was able to do it, therefore, this man should not be underestimated," One cautious-looking man said in a deep voice while shaking his head. Apparently, not everyone carried the same attitude towards this issue.

Upon hearing this man's words, many people curled their lips. Lin Dong, who had just attained the Heaven Symbol Master, should find it difficult to even defeat Chen Mu. Hence, it was hard for them to believe that Lin Dong actually single-handedly captured Lei She and his counterparts.

Sitting on the stone chair, the white-clothed man, whose name was Shi Xuan, looked indifferently at the commotion beneath him. After a while, he then plainly said, "Since the news of this incident has spread, we don't need to care about whether he is coming or not. The Devil Cliff Empire shall not tolerate a person like him. Once we capture him, I want his corpse to be hung on the Devil Cliff City's citygate. Otherwise, other people will forget about the notoriety of the Devil Cliff Empire."

"Therefore, if that lad really appears, anyone who lets him escapes due to negligence will take his place and be hung on the citywall instead."

"Do not worry, Senior Shi Xuan. We have already the necessary preparations. The moment that lad appears, there will be nowhere for him to run!"

Upon hearing the cold and emotionless voice of Shi Xuan, the people in the stone palace trembled and quickly nodded their heads.

“Senior Shi Xuan, Big Senior is still in the outlands. Should we send a message to him and ask for his return?” A man hesitated and asked.

“No need. Currently, Big Senior is fighting with other people over another Mysterious Ancient Key. There’s no need to bother him over a small matter like this. Furthermore, I want to see with my own eyes what capabilities does that Lin Dong possess such that he dares to step on the head of the Devil Cliff Empire!”

Upon hearing these words, those people beneath Shi Xuan nodded their heads respectfully. They were very clear about Shi Xuan’s capabilities. As long as Lin Dong appeared, there would be no escape for him!

Shi Xuan took a sweeping glance around the stone palace and the sinister look in his eyes vanished gradually. He then waved his hand and let each of those practitioners to do their own preparations. Suddenly, his eye pupils dilated abruptly. He then stood up and shot a solemn gaze through the stone palace and into a distant place that was faraway from the Devil Cliff Empire. The corner of his mouth formed a sinister arc gradually.

“Finally coming? You are indeed courageous....” Upon seeing Shi Xuan’s sudden movement, the people in the stone palace were

slightly startled. Then, as if they had understood something, they turned around and looked beyond the city.

Not long after Shi Xuan had sensed something, the entire Devil Cliff City broke into an uproar abruptly. After all, there was no lack of talents in this city. Even if they were not as powerful as Shi Xuan, they were still able to sense the same thing.

Swish! Rustle!

Suddenly, powerful gales swept across the huge city. Numerous figures flew over the city and threw themselves onto the citywall eventually. All of their gazes were thrown towards the distant horizon beyond the city. There was a black spot in the sky that was getting larger and larger.

“He’s coming! Lin Dong is really coming!”

“This fellow is really reckless. It’s true that this kind of impulsive act will increase his reputation significantly, but I’m afraid he will not have the fortune to enjoy this reputation.”

“Yes. Rumour has it that Devil Cliff Empire’s Shi Xuan is furious over this incident. That guy is someone who had legitimately passed through the Nirvana Tribulation. Don’t tell me Lin Dong thinks the method that he used to capture Lei She and his counterparts will be qualified enough to contend with an elite like Shi Xuan?”

“Humph, nonsensical.”

“.....”

It was as if the entire city was erupting with emotions that they had accumulated after suffering in wait for a long time. Numerous whisperings broke out on the citywall. However, most people were rejoicing in the incoming black spot's misfortune. Of course, there were also a few people who looked interestingly at the incoming black spot. From Lin Dong's ability to capture Lei She and his counterparts, it goes to show that this man was rather capable and was not a foolish individual. In conclusion, there were two perspectives on Lin Dong's insolent action.

The first perspective was that Lin Dong was seeking death. The second perspective was that he was truly confident in dealing with a powerful elite like Shi Xuan and believe that he could escape unscathed.

Those who possessed a meticulous mindset would automatically abandon the first perspective. That was because there is no one in this world who will want a shorter life. Therefore, the plausible one should be the second perspective and this perspective aroused the curiosity of some practitioners. As part of the dwellers in the Devil Cliff City, they clearly knew about the prowess of Shi Xuan. Even they themselves would find it hard to escape unscathed if they were contending against Shi Xuan. Furthermore, Lin Dong had just attained the Heaven Symbol Master....

Under such conjecture, numerous looks on the citywall were burning with fervent glow.

The black spot gradually magnified in everyone's eyes. And finally, the black spot materialized into an extremely majestic, scarlet tiger-like beast. Under the illumination from the sun, as the tiger-like beast flapped its huge wings, its scarlet armour reflected dazzling radiance which looked extremely imposing.

A lot of gazes stopped on the Demonic Beast for a moment before shifting upwards. Following which, a young-looking figure then appeared in their line of sight.

That figure had his arms drooping by his sides while his face contained a wide smile. He did not look especially outstanding but there were some sensitive individuals who could sense the menace hidden behind that smile.

The Demonic Beast stopped at a few hundred feet before the Devil Cliff City. Lin Dong, who was standing on Little Flame's back, casted a glance at the dark and murky city. Then, he shifted his gaze to the stone tower located at the centre of the city. With the help of vigorous Yuan Power, a sneering voice then resounded throughout the city.

“Devil Cliff Empire, come and collect your men.”

Boom!

After Lin Dong's laughter fell, a powerful gush of killer intent-filled Yuan Power erupted from the stone tower. Then, a white-clothed man flew out from the tower and appeared on the citywall

within seconds. His ice-cold piercing eyes were locked on to Lin Dong, who was still standing on Little Flame's back.

“Shi Xuan!”

After seeing this man appeared, a commotion broke out on the citywall. Apparently, they had recognized the overlord of the Devil Cliff City. Then, they casted a look of rejoice at Lin Dong, clearly rejoicing over his misfortune.

“You are called Lin Dong, right? The fact that you dare to appear truly exceeds my expectation,” Shi Xuan said indifferently as he stared at Lin Dong with a pair of venomous eyes and his arms put behind his back.

Lin Dong's gaze was fixated on this figure as well. The energy emitting from that figure's body was enough to make Lin Dong's eye pupils dilate. The Devil Cliff empire was indeed extraordinary. It appeared that this fellow had passed through the Nirvana Tribulation once and could be considered a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner!

Under numerous gazes, Lin Dong stared at Shi Xuan and smiled. Then, the former stretched his body and extended his hand and waved at the latter.

“Let's cut the crap and hand over the Nirvana pills.”

The commotion on the citywall quietened down slightly and

numerous gazes were casted in the direction of Shi Xuan. At this moment, the chilliness around Shi Xuan's body was getting increasingly stronger and the sinister arc that the corners of his mouth formed was getting wider and wider.

Everyone knew there was going to be an exciting show today.

Chapter 469: Shi Xuan

The chaotic city walls immediately turned silent as a chilling aura stealthily spread out in the air, causing the crowd to silently shiver.

Shi Xuan stood in mid-air, his solemn gaze firmly fixed onto Lin Dong. His gaze slowly combed Lin Dong's body inch by inch at a crafty angle with eyes so sharp that it was as if he could completely see through the latter.

However, in response to Shi Xuan's sharp and ice-cold stare, Lin Dong did not even bat an eyelid as he faintly smiled and said, "Oh? Is the Devil Cliff Empire unwilling to spare one million Nirvana Pills to save Lei She and the rest?"

"Lin Dong, it's best to be tactful and not burn one's bridges. There are some people in this world that you can't afford to offend. Don't sow the seeds of your own destruction. Else, it will be too late for you to regret in future!" Shi Xuan ominously said.

Lin Dong spread out his hands, before beckoning with his palm. Immediately, Little Flame's large python tail appeared. Wrapped around its python tail were nine figures. They were Lei She and the rest.

"I will give you ten seconds. If I don't see the Nirvana pills, I will slaughter all of them." Lin Dong's voice was calm, as if he was speaking about an insignificant matter. However, his calm tone caused Shi Xuan's pupils to shrink a little instead.

The citywall was deathly silent. Most people's palms were drenched with sweat as they stared peculiarly at the figure in a distance. None of them could imagine how this fellow was able to remain so calm in front of a practitioner as powerful as Shi Xuan. Was he merely putting on a strong front?

“Lin Dong, on account of the fact that you are a talented man, if you are willing to let Lei She and the rest go, I can look past our grudge and invite you to be a guest of my Devil Cliff Empire. At that time, you shall be treated generously!” Shi Xuan's eerie eyes gently shimmered, before he declared in a low voice.

Lin Dong glanced at him, before he promptly smiled. Just as Shi Xuan thought the former had momentarily let down his guard, Lin Dong's calm voice sounded out, “Time's up. Seems like your Devil Cliff Empire does not care about these men.”

After he spoke, Lin Dong's mind move. Nine extremely sharp Mental Energy spears materialized in front of him before viciously waved his sleeve. The Mental Energy spears took off and mercilessly flew towards Lei She and the rest.

The moment these Mental Energy spears shot out, an overflowing killing intent gushed out from Lin Dong's eyes, causing no one to dare doubt if his intentions were real.

Shi Xuan's expression was grim while he watched this. Suddenly tightly clenching his fists, he stared at the Mental Energy spears and at the very last moment, he finally spoke up, “Alright, you

win.”

“Buzz!”

Just as they were inches away from Lei She and the rest, the sharp Mental Energy spears suddenly stopped before they subsequently disappeared. Lin Dong stretched out his hand towards Shi Xuan and spoke, “Hand it over.”

Shi Xuan’s chest gently rose. Evidently, the rage in his heart had accumulated to a terrifying stage. He venomously stared at Lin Dong, sucking in a deep breath before speaking, “I will handover the pills when you handover the hostages!”

After he spoke, he clenched his fist as a Qiankun bag appeared in his hands. The bag opened slightly, immediately letting out a flame-like Nirvana Qi. From the looks of it, there seemed to be a rather astonishing amount of Nirvana Pills in the bag.

As he stared at that rich Nirvana Qi, even Shi Xuan felt a slight stab of pain in his heart. One million Nirvana Pills was no small sum and even the Devil Cliff Empire agonized over it. However, they had spent quite a fortune in order to nurture Lei She and Chen Mu. In particular, even though Lei She had failed to survive the Nirvana Tribulation, with his past experience, his odds of success should increase the next time around. Therefore, if he was killed now, it would be a major blow to their Devil Cliff Empire.

Lin Dong’s eyes narrowed as he stared at the Qiankun bag. With his keen eyesight, he could vaguely deduce the number of Nirvana

Pills in the bag from the Nirvana Qi that was seeping out. Immediately, he nodded his head in an indifferent manner.

Lin Dong exchanged a look with Shi Xuan, before both of them promptly jerked their arms. Following which, the Qiankun bag as well as Lei She and the rest were both thrown at the same time.

Lin Dong had quite a way of throwing someone. He used a different amount of force on each of them, causing them to scatter out as they descended from the sky like petals. Furthermore, since Lei She and the rest were all unconscious and their bodies were weakened, if he allowed them to simply fall, even if they did not die, they would break their necks or their limbs. Therefore, if Shi Xuan wanted to save them, it would definitely delay him for a while.

Just as Shi Xuan reached out to grab Lei She and the rest, the Qiankun bag had already arrived in front of Lin Dong. However, owing to his cautious nature, he did not grab it immediately. Instead, he sent out his Mental Energy to quickly scan the Qiankun bag. When he realized that there was nothing wrong, he finally waved his sleeves and kept it.

“Haha, thank you for your generosity. If the opportunity arrives, let’s catch up in the future!”

Having obtained the Nirvana pills, Lin Dong let out a hearty laugh. Immediately, Little Flame flapped its wings, before it shooting into the distance like a bolt of lighting.

Currently, Shi Xuan had finally caught everyone. Promptly, he waved his sleeves and viciously flung all of them onto the citywall, causing loud colliding noises to sound out. Everyone could tell that he was extremely pissed with Lei She and the rest. If they were ordinary individuals, he would have likely killed all of them personally.

“Kid, do you think it’s so easy to take my Devil Cliff Empire’s Nirvana pills?! If I let you escape, do you think I will have the face to stay in Devil Cliff City?”

Shi Xuan’s expression was dark as he stared at the fleeing Lin Dong while a red glint flashed across his eyes. Faintly, it seemed like his face was a little twisted. Looks like he was truly enraged by Lin Dong.

Swoosh! Swoosh Swoosh!

As if in response to Shi Xuan’s words, just as Lin Dong took off, several formidable Yuan Power light columns suddenly shot up from behind him, transforming into a light screen that completely sealed the entire area.

Savage Yuan Power shockwaves rippled from the glowing screen. Faintly, one could see several formidable figures at the spots where the Yuan Power light columns emerged from. Evidently, in order to stop Lin Dong, Shi Xuan had spent a huge fortune and hired most of the elite practitioners in the Devil Cliff Empire in order to build this large formation. Under the glow of this cage-like screen, even Lin Dong would find it extremely difficult to break through.

Above the citywall, countless people stared at the towering light screen, their hearts gently trembling. There was indeed no way to peacefully conclude today's matter.

A distance away, Lin Dong instructed Little Flame to stop. When he saw the majestic and large formation, a little astonishment flashed across his eyes. It seems like the Devil Cliff Empire regarded him rather highly and had actually deployed the power of an entire empire in order to trap him.

“I have warned you before, it's best to be tactful and not burn one's bridges. With your current ability, you must be naive if you believe that you can obtain anything from my Devil Cliff Empire!”

Lin Dong slowly turned around. Shi Xuan was already floating through the air, stopping a small distance away from Lin Dong. The smile on his face looked rather sinister.

“I have given you a chance, however, you chose not to treasure it. Now, you have lost your final opportunity.”

A resplendent golden glow accompanied Shi Xuan's footsteps as it gradually emerged from his body. Meanwhile, an extremely formidable pressure emerged, causing the surrounding air to solidify.

“Bang!”

The rage in Shi Xuan's heart had evidently accumulated to a tipping point. Therefore, the instant he spoke, his eyes turned bone-chillingly cold. As he took a step forward, the air in front of him exploded, his figure vanishing like a phantom.

As Shi Xuan disappeared, Lin Dong's pupils gently shrunk before he suddenly turned around and crossed both of his arms. Golden light emerged, and in the blink of an eye, it was as if his arms were made of real gold.

“Dong!”

A golden fist ripped through the air, viciously slamming into Lin Dong's crossed arms. Immediately, a terrifying shockwave erupted, directly blowing Lin Dong off Little Flame's bag. After being pushed back a dozen or so steps, he finally stabilized himself as he felt a sharp pain in his arms. Immediately, a solemn look flashed across his eyes. If it were not for the fact that he had mastered the Lesser Nirvana Golden Body, Shi Xuan's previous punch would have directly broken his arms.

“Nirvana Golden Body?”

Shi Xuan's figure suddenly appeared in mid-air, staring at Lin Dong's golden arms in shock. He naturally knew that was something only Nirvana stage practitioners possessed. However, from Lin Dong's current Yuan Power undulations, he was only at the half-step-to Nirvana stage. Therefore, how could he have mastered the Nirvana Golden Body to such a level?

“It’s no wonder you dare to be so arrogant. It turns out you have some skills. However, in front of my Devil Cliff Empire, even if you truly are a dragon, you will still have to kneel!”

After being momentarily stunned, the shock in Shi Xuan’s eyes were replaced by an ice-cold light. As he gently stretched his neck, all the joints in his body seemed to crack. An explosive force squirmed between his muscles, exploding outwards, causing the air to vibrate.

“Huuu.”

Lin Dong deeply breathed out a puff of white air, before he shook his slightly numb arms. Meanwhile, an excited smile slowly emerged on his face.

“One Yuan Nirvana stage? Let’s see if you have what it takes to keep me here!”

On the citywall, the crowd’s eyes turned heated as they heard the exchange between the two. All of them were dying to know who would emerge victorious when these two prominent figures clashed head on.

Chapter 470: One Yuan Nirvana Stage

High up in the sky, two figures faced each other. The atmosphere was so tense that it seemed as if the air had solidified. Faintly, a murderous killing intent silently pervaded the air.

Numerous pairs of eyes on the citywall were burning with excitement. The two figures in the sky were rather famous in the Northwest region. Naturally, Shi Xuan had become famous a long time ago. His One Yuan Nirvana stage prowess allowed him to tower over many high rank empires' practitioners. Furthermore, with the Devil Cliff Empire's reputation backing him, most people acknowledged that he was an elite individual.

In contrast, it was only recently that Lin Dong had become famous. He always kept to himself and most people deduced that he was from some small empire. However, this did not stop people from developing an astonishing attitude towards him. After all, he was able to successfully challenge the entire Devil Cliff Empire single-handedly. This was something that was not seen very often in the Northwest region.

Clearly, the battle between these two famous individuals was highly anticipated and many people wanted to know who would prevail in this battle.

"I have seen many people like you. When a miracle happens to them and their powers advance by leaps and bounds, they think they are invincible and look down on everyone. However, perhaps only one out of ten of them will survive by chance," Shi Xuan sneered ominously while stepping on nothing but air. Meanwhile,

his gaze wandered, looking for weaknesses in Lin Dong's body.

“In my opinion, you belong to this group of people. However, it's a pity that you won't be the one out of the ten that survives. The foundation of a high rank empire is not something that your miraculous outburst of power can compare with!”

Lin Dong laughed. He did not have any intention of squabbling with Shi Xuan. The foundation of a high rank empire was indeed substantial, but that did not mean they were invincible. With a strong foundation, one would have a more advantageous starting point than most ordinary individuals. However, one's accomplishments in the future would still depend entirely on oneself.

However, it was Lin Dong's casual smile that made Shi Xuan involuntarily clench his fists while nefarious flames arose in his hear. Whenever others mentioned his Devil Cliff Empire, their tones would contain reverence and fear. However, the man in front of him did not care at all. Either he was ignorant or he was simply confident in himself.

“Creak!”

As Shi Xuan clenched his fists, brilliant golden light slowly flowed in his body while astonishing Yuan Power undulations unfurled like a hurricane.

“Let's see if you still can smile later on!”

As Shi Xuan changed his hand-seal, surging Yuan Power whizzed out and even the surrounding Yuan Power started circling around Shi Xuan. Powerful rays of light burst out, forming a humongous mountain in the sky within seconds. At the peak of the mountain, a huge symbol radiated horrifying energy.

As the mountain cut across the sky, it was accompanied by a mighty shock wave that seemed to be generated from a punch. At that moment, even the sky started to tremble due to that mountain.

“Demonic Symbol Mountain-Subduing Fist!”

Shi Xuan’s face was ice-cold. As his fist flew out, the humongous mountain immediately blasted towards Lin Dong. The powerful shock wave from the punch caused the ground beneath them to cave in.

Shi Xuan’s attack had displayed the real strength of a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner. The strength of this attack was numerous times stronger than Lei She and his counterparts. Such a powerful attack could easily blow away a Nirvana stage practitioner like Chen Mu.

As Lin Dong saw the incoming mountain, which was accompanied by a huge shadow and a pressuring presence, a serious expression surfaced in his eyes. After taking a deep breath, he flipped his palm and an ancient praying mat appeared in his hand. It was the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat.

Robust Yuan Power and vigorous Mental Energy gushed out almost simultaneously before continuously streaming into the praying mat.

Swoosh!

As the two different types of energy poured into the praying mat, a gigantic pillar of light suddenly emerged from it and shot up into the sky. The unique energy instantly caused the Yuan Power around to surge.

Shi Xuan looked shockingly at the muddled-coloured pillar of light while his facial expression changed. He could sense that this mixed energy, which was entirely different from Yuan Power and Mental Energy, was rather powerful.

“This guy can fuse two different types of powers!?” Clearly, Shi Xuan’s eyesight was rather good. With a glance, he was able to identify what was going on and he was overwhelmed by this sight. He clearly knew about the difficulty level of fusing two different types of powers. Even a practitioner who had passed through a few Nirvana Tribulations would not have this ability, let alone a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner like him.

Reportedly, the method of fusing different types of powers was not something that a Nirvana stage practitioner could master. However, right now, Lin Dong’s action had brought him quite a huge amount of shock.

“It must be that praying mat!”

Even though Shi Xuan was shocked, he did not lose his composure. His gaze shifted and concentrated on the ancient praying mat in front of Lin Dong. The muddled-coloured pillar of light was rising from the mat.

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, First Finger Imprisoning The World, Second Finger Shredding Mountains And Rivers,Fifth Finger Moves The Universe!”

Multiple gigantic pillars of light then arose and shot up into the sky. A void was torn open in the sky as five ancient huge fingers emerged and hovered silently in the air. The fingers’ archaicness seemed to be forever-lasting.

This was the first time Lin Dong had activated all five fingers of the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger. Furthermore, they were imbued with Essence Yuan Power. The entire world seemed to show signs of crumbling under such might.

On the citywall, numerous pairs of eyes stared at the humongous ancient fingers hovering above Lin Dong’s head. Their eyes were surged with astonishment. Even some Nirvana stage practitioners could sense the deadliness of such a powerful martial art.

Lin Dong’s eyes were surging with battle fervor. After reaching the half-step-to Nirvana stage in addition to the Heaven Symbol Master’s powers, he could finally execute the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger to his heart’s content.

While the five fingers was suspended in the mid-air, Lin Dong suddenly swung his arm. Immediately, the humongous ancient fingers lined up and shot out violently. The force from that kind of terrifying impact seemed to distort even space itself.

Bang bang bang!

Muffled explosions could be heard continuously beneath the huge fingers. Finally, under countless astonished gazes from the onlookers, the humongous ancient fingers collided ferociously with the mountain.

“Boom!”

A world-shaking boom resounded in the area like thunder. Even the earth trembled due to the loud noise.

As the first huge finger made contact, it exploded due to the powerful impact. Following which, the second finger also smashed into the mountain....

Under Shi Xuan's sneering gaze, the third giant ancient finger pressed down onto the mountain for approximately ten seconds before exploding.

This sight caused an uproar among many people. Though Lin Dong's martial art was strong, it was not as powerful as they had expected.

However, even though there was a commotion, Lin Dong's gaze did not falter at all. The might of each finger in the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger was entirely different. In particular, the fifth finger had a different fundamental makeup. Hence, it was still too early to be celebrating now.

As Lin Dong had expected, after the fourth finger exploded, the most ancient and solid fifth finger finally landed on the bizarre symbol atop of the mountain with a loud bang.

Bang!

The originally unobstructed momentum of the mountain stopped momentarily. The Yuan Power around began to freeze along with the sneer on Shi Xuan's face.

The two colossus were deadlocked in the sky while terrifying energy waves constantly rippled outwards. These energy waves were powerful enough to make even Nirvana stage practitioners fearful.

By fusing the Nirvana stage's Yuan Power and the Heaven Symbol Master's Mental Energy, the fifth finger of the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger was so powerful that even Lin Dong himself was amazed.

“Break!”

Taking in a deep breath, Lin Dong's gaze suddenly turned sharp

as a deep voice emerged from his throat.

Rumble!

Upon hearing Lin Dong's voice, a brilliant radiance exploded from the numerous ancient patterns on the powerful fifth finger while an invincible and terrifying energy stealthily spread outwards.

This kind of power faintly showed signs of exceeding that of the usual Manifestation martial art!

Upon seeing this, Shi Xuan's eye pupils abruptly shrunk. He watched as the symbol atop of the mountain suddenly collapsed. In the end, the humongous mountain was directly crushed by the last finger with a loud bang.

After destroying the mountain, the giant ancient finger was much dimmer than before. However, its remnant force continued to crush towards Shi Xuan. The violent undulations forced Shi Xuan to retreat several steps back before the giant ancient finger finally faded.

Silence swept across the entire area. Numerous gazes were thrown in the direction of the collapsed mountain and the retreating Shi Xuan. After a moment, numerous gasps could be heard from the citywall.

“Such a powerful martial art! Such a powerful yet strange

energy!”

After forcibly stabilizing his body, Shi Xuan’s hands trembled slightly. Soon after, greed surged in his eyes. Lin Dong’s martial arts and muddled-coloured energy had aroused the greed in his heart.

“These kind of treasures can’t be possessed by someone like you, hand them over!”

The air in front of Shi Xuan exploded as his body appeared in front of Lin Dong like a phantom. Soon after, he reached out with his hand and tried to grab the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat in front of Lin Dong. Evidently, Shi Xuan had discovered the intimate link between the might of Lin Dong’s martial arts and the praying mat!

Snatching away this praying mat was a must!

Chapter 471: A Situation

Shi Xuan's body appeared before Lin Dong in a flash. However, he did not launch any attacks on Lin Dong. Instead, he tried to grab the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat in front of Lin Dong. It appeared that he wanted to forcefully snatch the praying mat!

“Humph!”

Naturally, Lin Dong could sense Shi Xuan's motive. With a tinge of chilliness in his eyes, Lin Dong suddenly took a step forward. Immediately, the violent Yuan Power around his body erupted with brilliant rays of light that materialized into a gigantic glowing elephant.

“Saint Elephant Sky Crumbling Tackle!”

The gigantic glowing elephant was exuding a terrifying yet powerful aura. With an earth-shaking force, it charged towards Shi Xuan ruthlessly.

Bang bang!

The air beneath exploded due to that powerful impact. Following which, Shi Xuan's eyes squinted before his facial expression changed abruptly into a fearsome one. Ignoring Lin Dong's attack, he did not withdraw his hand and continued reaching for the praying mat.

He drooled at the thought of obtaining this praying mat – which was able to fuse two different kinds of energy. If he could obtain it, it would be a formidable weapon in his hands!

As for Lin Dong's attack, even though it was violent and ferocious, Shi Xuan felt that there was no need for worry since he had already passed through one Nirvana Tribulation. In his opinion, even if he took Lin Dong's attack head on, the latter still would not be able to handle him.

This is the confidence of a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner!

When Lin Dong saw Shi Xuan ignoring his attack and continue reaching for the praying mat, his eyes ashened. At that moment, the gigantic glowing elephant, which was accompanied by an terrifying force, ram into Shi Xuan's body ruthlessly.

“Clank!”

At the very moment when the collision took place, the crisp sound of two metals crashing together erupted. The golden radiance on Shi Xuan's body was surging wildly as he tried to withstand the powerful impact by force.

Under the powerful impact, Shi Xuan's outstretched hand became increasingly slower. And finally, his hand froze while it was still a few metres away from the praying mat.

“Get lost!”

As Lin Dong bellowed, his body erupted with a resplendent golden radiance as well. Soon after, the golden radiance began to extend and materialized into a gigantic glowing elephant within seconds. The golden radiance that it exuded was eye-glaring.

“Clank! Clang”

This time around, a more violent and loud sound echoed out. Just when Shi Xuan’s fingertips were about to make contact with the praying mat, his body was sent flying back. After taking a few steps in the air, he was then able to stabilize himself. At once, his face became exceptionally ashen. Clearly, the fact that Lin Dong was able to knock him back had exceeded his expectations.

However, even though Shi Xuan received such a devastating blow from Lin Dong, the former was still vigorous and lively without showing any signs of weakening. Upon seeing this, Lin Dong secretly felt apprehensive about Shi Xuan. Shi Xuan was truly worthy of being a practitioner who had passed through the Nirvana Tribulation. Such an attack would make an ordinary Nirvana stage practitioner’s blood to churn. Yet Shi Xuan appeared as if nothing had happened....

Shi Xuan stabilized his body. Apparently, the repeated failures in the recent events had humiliated him to the extreme.

Chilliness gushed through his eyes. Suddenly, he took aim at Lin Dong with his finger at a distance.

Swoosh swoosh!

Resplendent golden radiance, which was fused with extremely violent Yuan Power, gathered at Shi Xuan's finger with a terrifying speed. This energy matched well with the glittering chilliness in his eyes. Everyone knew that he was really enraged this time around.

“Diamond Heaven Splitting Finger!”

The lightning-like golden radiance began to surge. In a matter of seconds, a golden light beam shot out violently from Shi Xuan's fingertip at a speed that could not be seen by a naked eye.

This golden light beam was astonishingly intense. As the golden light beam whizzed through the air, it even seemed to leave down a faint gold-coloured mark in the space of nothingness.

Lin Dong's eyes tightened as he saw the incoming golden light beam. At this moment, he could sense a strong sense of danger. Immediately, he whirled his palm before a black hole was formed on it.

Swoosh!

The golden light beam approached ruthlessly. However, at the very moment when Lin Dong stretched out his hand, the golden light beam suddenly made a weird turn in its flight path. Instead of attacking Lin Dong, it blasted ferociously towards the praying mat

in front of Lin Dong!

It was at this moment that Lin Dong realized that Shi Xuan's target was not him but the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat. This fellow was indeed decisive. If he could not obtain it, he would destroy it!

Undoubtedly, this move was extremely vicious and it had exceeded Lin Dong's expectations as well. Therefore, when Lin Dong saw the golden light beam made an abrupt turn in its flight path, it was already too late for him to react.

“Bang!”

The golden light beam landed squarely on the praying mat. Instantly, wild and powerful energy waves swept across the area. After being hit by such a powerful attack, numerous cracks ripped across the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat before Lin Dong's shocked eyes.

The Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat was not a Soul Treasure and it did not have much properties, except for the fact that it could fuse Mental Energy and Yuan Power. Therefore, when it was hit by Shi Xuan's all-out attack, it could not bear the damage and eventually collapsed.

“Creak! Crack!”

The cracks began to extend rapidly. Finally, under Lin Dong's

despaired gaze, the praying mat exploded and filled the sky with glittering lights.

The Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat was destroyed by Shi Xuan!

Shi Xuan, who was standing in a distance, sneered at this sight. Even though it was a pity to destroy the praying mat, it was still better than allowing Lin Dong to keep it.

However, while the glitters of light floated in the sky, everyone including Lin Dong did not discover that a beam of light shot out from the sky of glittering lights. And because Lin Dong was standing behind the praying mat, he was the first person that the beam of light came into contact with.

After it made contact with Lin Dong's body, the beam of light disappeared without the slightest bit of abnormalities, to the extent that even Lin Dong did not discover anything.

Lin Dong's face was gloomy. Apparently, he did not expect to be fooled by Shi Xuan, who brazenly destroyed the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat in front of him.

Lin Dong clearly understood the importance of the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat. Even an experienced individual like Little Marten would find it rather troublesome to fuse different types of powers together. This certainly showcased the value of the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat. Therefore, Lin Dong suffered a considerably big loss when the praying mat was destroyed by Shi Xuan!

“Bastard!”

Lin Dong’s eyes looked sinister. Surging Mental Energy, accompanied by the rage in his heart, erupted and filled the Heaven and Earth in a flash. Suddenly, violent gales were swept up and storm clouds were formed and thunder rolls resounded throughout the sky.

“Such powerful Mental Energy. Did this guy really just attain the Heaven Symbol Master recently? How does he have such powerful Mental Energy!”

Upon seeing the Heaven and Earth were filled with powerful Mental Energy, the onlookers on the citywall broke into an uproar. Even Shi Xuan squinted his eyes slightly.

“Devouring Thunder Palm!”

A huge, silver, snake-like lightning suddenly shot down from the sky. As Lin Dong struck out his palm, that lightning materialized into a black lightning palmprint which blasted towards Shi Xuan ruthlessly.

As Shi Xuan saw the incoming black lightning palm, he did not dare to hesitate. He could sense an odd aura coming from the lightning palm and hence, he did not dare to overlook it. Immediately, he activated his Yuan Power and formed a huge palmprint, which in turn collided ferociously with the lightning palm.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Lightnings were ripping non-stop through the sky. After the lightning palm collided with Shi Xuan's attack, a deafening explosive sound resounded throughout the sky.

On the citywall, as the onlookers watched the two individuals engaged in an extremely furious battle, they licked their lips silently. Clearly, they were very surprised at how Lin Dong could fight evenly against Shi Xuan for so long.

Naturally, those who were insightful could tell that Shi Xuan would secure a victory if this fight was prolonged. After all, he was an individual who had passed through one Nirvana Tribulation. Hence, the robustness of his Yuan Power naturally surpassed Lin Dong's.

“Bang!”

After another painstaking exchange, Lin Dong retreated a few steps back. After a moment, he stared at the sneering Shi Xuan with an ice-cold look.

“Lin Dong, your fighting capabilities indeed exceed my expectations. However, I have already said it's impossible for you to escape today!” Shi Xuan pointed to the glowing net in the sky, which had sealed up the entire area. Lin Dong might put up a strong resistance now, but it would be short-lived. After a while, he would show signs of fatigue. When that moment came, it would

be an easy task to capture him!

Lin Dong squinted his eyes and just when he was about to sneer, Little Marten's voice rang across his mind urgently, "Lin Dong, let's leave first. There's something unusual with your body!"

Upon hearing Little Marten's voice, Lin Dong was startled. However, even though there were some doubts in his mind, he still nodded his head. Then, he casted a glance at Shi Xuan and laughed, "Do you really think that these things can stop me?"

Shi Xuan squinted his eyes and laughed coldly, "Is it possible that you still got some ravings to say?"

"It's not really considered ravings. I just want to say that your formation is a waste of energy. I will remember the fact that you destroy my praying mat. Next time around, I will make sure you pay your debt!" Lin Dong said plainly. With a wave of his palm, an ancient key appeared in his hands.

"Ancient Mysterious Key!"

As Shi Xuan saw the key, his eye pupils dilated abruptly. Soon after, he seemed to sense something and struck out his palm. A huge Yuan Power palmprint was hurled towards Lin Dong ferociously.

"There's no need for you to send me off. Today, I will kindly accept these one million Nirvana pills. Next time around, you

better be careful!”

With regards to Shi Xuan’s attack, Lin Dong merely smiled. Then, the Mysterious Ancient Key erupted with a dazzling light that engulfed Lin Dong’s body. Shortly afterwards, Lin Dong bizarrely vanished from the sky.

The huge palm hit nothing but air. As Shi Xuan looked at the empty air, his face turned incredibly ashen.

Chapter 472: Internal Body Formation

Outside of Devil Cliff City, the outskirts turned silent instantly. Everyone on top of the citywall were stunned as they stared at the spot where Lin Dong had disappeared mysteriously. Evidently, they had never expected that the latter would directly disappear in such a manner...

The silent atmosphere permeating the citywall lasted for a while, before several pairs of eyes turned gleefully to glance at a steely-green Shi Xuan. For today's matter, the Devil Cliff Empire had activated all their troops and even Shi Xuan, a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner, had personally stepped in. However, in the end, Lin Dong still managed to successfully obtain the one million Nirvana Pills. His actions were undoubtedly like two tight and loud slaps right across the face of the Devil Cliff Empire.

Hovering in mid-air, Shi Xuan seemed to have discovered those gloating stares. Immediately, his expression turned even more grim. At the same time, the glowing net spread across the sky began to gradually dim down as elite Devil Cliff Empire practitioners headed towards him from every direction. When they saw the grim expression on Shi Xuan's face, that looked like he was about to devour a human, none of them even dared to breathe.

“Send my word down, anyone who captures Lin Dong and presents his head, not only will he be given the one million Nirvana Pills in his possession, my Devil Cliff Empire will give him another five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills!”

Shi Xuan's eyes grimly swept across the spot where Lin Dong had disappeared, before his icy-cold voice ricocheted across the sky and entered the ears of those practitioners at the citywall.

Wow!

After Shi Xuan's spoke, a burning and greedy glint immediately gushed into countless people eyes. The total reward is one million and five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills. If anyone could obtain this lavish sum and use it to attack Nirvana stage, one would evidently not have to worry about any deficiency in Nirvana Qi!

The reward for this bounty was truly bothering on insanity!

A chorus swept across the crowds just like a wave, before it reached the entire city. Most of them were first shocked by this large sum of Nirvana Pills, before their eyes turned blood-red immediately.

At the same time, some calm and logical folks secretly shook their heads. Even though one million and five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills is extremely tempting, Lin Dong was no pushover. Since he could easily escape even after the Devil Cliff Empire set up a heavy barricade, it was going to be no mean feat to capture him.

It was not going to be so easy to earn those Nirvana Pills.

Of course, there were very few logical and sane folks. After all, one and a half million Nirvana Pills was enough to drive most

people insane.

Shi Xuan stared at that city in an uproar, before a chuckle flashed across his eyes. Following which, he grimly muttered to himself: “Since you have offended my Devil Cliff Empire, I will make sure you have nowhere to hide in the ancient battlefield. Lin Dong, I want to see how long you can hide for!”

While Shi Xuan was issuing a bounty on Lin Dong, the latter had already hid inside the mysterious ancient key domain. When he entered that domain, the mysterious ancient key tunneled into oblivion. Based on Shi Xuan’s current ability, he was unable to detect them.

Inside the mysterious ancient key, it was the same black stone arena. Right now, it was completely empty and there were no traces of life. Lin Dong landed on that black stone arena, before he waved his sleeves. Immediately, Little Flame leapt out from his sleeves, before Little Marten flashed and appeared.

“What is going on?” As he stared at Little Marten, Lin Dong furrowed his brows and asked.

“Take a look for yourself.” Little Marten scratched its face with a slightly peculiar expression on his face.

When he saw Little Marten’s expression, Lin Dong’s heart gently jumped. Immediately, his mind entered his body. After searching for a while, half a moment later, he finally discovered the source of the problem.

Above his Dan Tian, a glowing ball had unknowingly appeared. Within that glowing ball, glowing threads faintly began to spread out and they seemed to have formed an extremely obscure and complex mini glowing formation.

Ancient, obscure. That aura caused Lin Dong's heart to sink.

This was Lin Dong's first impression of that formation.

As he stared at that formation, for a moment, Lin Dong was completely lost. Evidently, he could not comprehend how that item had suddenly appeared inside his body...

However, what shocked Lin Dong the most was that somehow or another, he felt that this complex formation was a little familiar.

Lin Dong furrowed his brows as he carefully observed the formation. Half a moment later, his expression finally began to change. That was because he discovered that there hovering beneath that glowing formation, there were actually teeth on his Dantian, which were draining the energy from within before it was completely absorbed by that formation.

This situation caused Lin Dong's heart to violently shudder. That damned thing was actually stealing his Yuan Power!

As rage filled his heart, Lin Dong's mind moved before streams of Yuan Power howled forth and viciously slammed against that

glowing formation. However, regardless of his efforts, that glowing formation would not budge at all. In fact, it's absorption rate even began to increase and this caused Lin Dong to stop his rash actions immediately.

“What is that?”

After trying a few different ways, Lin Dong still failed to accomplish anything. Therefore, his mind exited outside of his body, before he turned to ask Little Marten with a pained expression on his face.

“If I am not mistaken, it should be the peculiar formation that was hidden within the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat. Its existence is what allows the owner of the mat to fuse two different types of energy.” Little Marten echoed out solemnly.

“That damned formation is draining my Yuan Power!” Lin Dong gritted his teeth as he said. If he continued to allow the formation to drain him, should he bother with cultivation? Even though it only drained a small amount each time, it was the continuous and prolonged draining process that truly impacted him. Therefore, he must get rid of that thing!

“This formation is not so simple. Previously, I went to scout it. This thing actually possess the magical property of fusion.” Little Marten slowly said.

Lin Dong rolled his eyes. Wasn't this glaringly obvious. He used the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat in order to fuse Yuan Power

and Mental Energy and create a unique yet powerful Essence Yuan Energy.

“This is no ordinary fusion. Instead, it is a complex and obscure type of fusion. For example, you can actually fuse two or more different types of energy together...” While Little Marten spoke, a tinge of shock was obviously plastered in its eyes. It seems like even it was shocked by that property.

Lin Dong was finally taken aback. When he understood what it meant, his lips involuntarily trembled, before his heart shuddered. This formation was truly peculiar and he did not know if it was good news or bad news to have it inside his body.

“There are three different types of energy inside your body. Yuan Power, Mental Energy and Devouring Force from the Ancestral Devouring Tablet. If you learn to control this formation, perhaps you can fuse these three different types of energy. At that time, if you used the fused energy to activate your martial arts, it would be quite powerful.” Little Marten said.

“Hmm, it sounds good. But this formation is evidently no pushover. Previously, I have already tried and failed. Right now, it is still draining my Yuan Power...” Lin Dong bitterly smiled as he said.

“Based on your abilities, there is nothing you can do to affect this formation. You need to have an object that can dominate it in order to subdue it and claim it for your own use.” Little Marten was evidently extremely wise, as it spoke after a moment of contemplation.

Lin Dong furrowed his brows. This formation was no ordinary object and it should have a pretty formidable background. Therefore, it was not going to be easy to subdue it.

“This formation must have been the magnum opus of a super elite practitioner. If most ordinary individuals got a hold of it, there might be little that they can do. However, you are different...” Little Marten smiled before it pointed at Lin Dong’s brain as well as his palm.

Even though Lin Dong was secretly shocked by that super elite practitioner that Little Marten mentioned, he quickly recovered his senses. Following which, he gently gripped his palm before he said: “Are you referring to the Ancestral Devouring Tablet and the Mysterious Stone Talisman.”

“Yes. Regardless the background of this formation, the Ancestral Devouring Symbol and Mysterious Ancient Tablet can subdue it!” Little Marten nodded it’s head as it said.

What a joke. Ancestral Devouring Symbol is one of the eight Ancient Symbols in the world. It was born from nature and it possess the ability to devour the world. Meanwhile, the Mysterious Stone Tablet has an extraordinary background as well. Previously, even Little Marten failed to decipher its full background. With these two heavenly objects suppressing it, regardless who the creator of this formation is, it cannot withstand them!

When he saw how convicted Little Marten was, Lin Dong

stealthily heaved a sigh of relief. Following which, without further ado, he immediately sat down before he solemnly shouted: “Then, let’s begin!”

“Yes.”

Little Marten gently nodded its head before it smiled and said: “Seems like it was a blessing in disguise. If you can control this formation, perhaps, it would be extremely beneficial for you in the future.”

Lin Dong nodded his head and he did not speak any more. With a burning glint flowing in his eyes, he slowly clenched his fist. He was curious to find out just how powerful this formation was. Regardless of the background of the super elite practitioner that created this formation, since it was inside his body, even if it were a dragon, it must coil up, if it were a tiger, it must kneel down!

Chapter 473: Ancient Universe Formation

Lin Dong's mind returned to his body, and the ancient formation floating above his Dantian once again appeared before his eyes.

The ancient glowing formation gave off a dim glow. Upon closer inspection, one would realize that the countless glowing lines within the formation were squirming while they changed. Due to this, the formation did not have a fixed shape, making it seem as if its appearance was changing every second.

Lin Dong carefully examined the ancient formation while thick awe flowed in his eyes. This formation was terrifyingly complex and it was difficult for him to imagine how such a complex formation could possibly exist.

“No matter how talented an ordinary person is, it would be impossible for them to create another formation like this even after countless tries,” Little Marten's echoed in Lin Dong's mind. It must have been paying close attention to this magical formation as well.

“Previously, this formation was kept inside the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat, concealing most of its abilities. I wonder if that was the original intention of its creator. In that case, even if someone else obtained the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat, he would only be able to combine two different types of energy.

When he heard Little Marten's words, Lin Dong slowly nodded

his head. This time around, if it were not for the fact that Shi Xuan accidentally tore apart the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat, and the formation inside had coincidentally tunneled into his body, he and Little Marten would have likely not realized how powerful this formation was.

“What should we do next?” Lin Dong asked. He was clueless on how to suppress this ancient formation. Therefore, he could only ask Little Marten for help.

“Most formations, regardless of how complex they are, are all cut from the same mould. Hence, there always exists a focal point within. As long as we can suppress that focal point, we can suppress the entire formation!” Little Marten’s voice slowly sounded out.

“Focal point.” Lin Dong gently furrowed his brows as he stared attentively at the ancient formation. The complexity of the formation caused his head to ache a little. After all, it was no simple feat to uncover the focal point of such a complex formation.

“The so-called focal point is the point where all the energy in the formation is gathered. Owing to the complex nature of this formation, if it does not stand still, even I would be unable to discover its focal point. However, since it is continuously draining your Yuan Power, you can use that to trace its focal point!”

When he heard these words, Lin Dong’s eyes brightened a little before he promptly nodded his head. Immediately, streams of Yuan Power quickly gushed out from his Dantian and poured into the ancient formation.

With regards to the Yuan Power that was delivered to its doorstep, the ancient formation did not turn them away as it completely absorbed all of it. Meanwhile, Lin Dong's mind slowly began to feel the direction the Yuan Power flowed.

This was fairly taxing work and the complexity of the ancient formation bedazzled even Little Marten. Therefore, Lin Dong failed repeated as he tried to follow the flow of Yuan Power, causing him to grow rather frustrated.

However, though he felt frustrated, he knew that this matter could not be rushed. Therefore, Lin Dong could only calm himself down, and keep trying to detect the flow of Yuan Power. Eventually, he quietly immersed himself into the extremely complex formation.

This search lasted for an extremely long time. Even for someone like Lin Dong, it still took a huge toll on his Mental Energy. Therefore, anyone else would have probably ended up committing suicide...

Buzz!

The inside of Lin Dong's body was deathly silent. Moments later, an extremely faint buzzing suddenly echoed out from the ancient formation.

The instant the noise sounded out, Lin Dong immediately awoke. Promptly, an overwhelming joy surged from in his heart, while his

gaze was tightly fixed onto a spot inside the ancient formation. He had finally discovered where the energy converged!

Little Marten, who was closely following the situation, finally heaved a sigh of relief. Looks like Lin Dong had finally found the focal point and though it took him quite a while to do so, it was a pretty good accomplishment...

“Now, I shall find out what waves you can stir!” Lin Dong suppressed the wild joy in his heart as he stared at the ancient formation. Finally, he smiled as he moved his mind. Promptly, a black-hole like symbol appeared above the formation, streams of Devouring Force emerging from it. It was the Ancestral Devouring Symbol.

The instant the Ancestral Devouring Symbol appeared, the ancient formation below seemed to have sensed something that could threaten its existence as the glow around it suddenly intensified.

This sudden change caused Lin Dong to be slightly taken aback and involuntarily exclaim in shock. He never expected a mere formation to actually possess such intelligence.

“Swoosh!”

While his heart was still slightly in shock, Lin Dong focused his mind. Promptly, his Devouring Ancestral Symbol was once again under his control as it transformed into a black beam. Together with his mind, it charged into the ancient formation.

Buzz! Buzz!

After his Ancestral Devouring Symbol forcefully barged in, a peculiar buzzing noise immediately erupted from the ancient formation. A powerful suction force exploded, forcibly sucking Lin Dong's mind into the formation.

The instant he was being sucked in, Lin Dong's mind immediately went blank. However, he quickly recovered his senses. He saw a bright light that surrounded his body, and to his shock, he found that he was now in an unknown land. Countless crisscrossing glowing line surrounded him, while a path of light extended from his feet, faintly seeming as if it was the veins of the world.

"I am inside the formation!" Lin Dong was stunned when he saw this sight. He had actually been sucked into the formation.

Meanwhile, the Ancestral Devouring Symbol silently floated above Lin Dong, streams of Devouring Force continuously emerging to protect him.

Lin Dong looked to his front and saw a round glowing ball. An ancient yet profound sensation faintly emerged from it and there seemed to be ancient letters inscribed on its surface.

"Ancient Universe Formation!"

Lin Dong strained his eyes as he tried to decipher the ancient characters. Finally, he muttered to himself, “Is that the name of this formation? Wow, pretty arrogant. It actually dares to name itself after the universe.”

“Lin Dong, you are currently at the focal point of the formation. As long as you can suppress the glowing ball, you can control the formation.” Little Marten’s voice echoed from outside the ancient formation.

Lin Dong nodded his head. Without further ado, he deeply exhaled as his eyes turned serious. With a wave of his palm, the Devouring Ancestral Symbol immediately dashed forth, transforming into a black hole as it hovered above the glowing ball. Promptly, a powerful Devouring Force immediately swept out.

Buzz! Buzz!

As if it sensed the intention of the Ancestral Devouring Symbol, the glowing ball began to squirm. Immediately, several pillars of light shot out and actually managed to deflect the Devouring Force from the Ancestral Devouring Symbol.

“Such a formidable formation...” Upon seeing this, Lin Dong’s pupils shrunk a little. Although he was still unable to fully bring out the power of the Ancestral Devouring Symbol with his current strength, this formation was after all not under anyone’s control. Yet, it was still able to defend itself against the Devouring Ancestral Symbol’s power. This ancient formation was truly not simple.

“Nonetheless, regardless of how powerful you are, you are still an object without a master. Furthermore, this is my body and you have no right to do as you please!” Lin Dong’s eyes turned solemn. He must suppress this formation, or else, it would continuously drain his Yuan Power. If the formation grew increasingly powerful, it may even take over his body and cause him massive harm.

Rumble!

As Lin Dong urged on his Ancestral Devouring Symbol, the black hole grew larger and larger. Streams of majestic Devouring Force continuously invaded the glowing ball.

As it was being invaded by the Ancestral Devouring Symbol, the glowing ball desperately tried to resist, significantly slowing down the Devouring Force.

“Humph!”

When he saw this stalemate, Lin Dong coldly snorted. With a flick of his mind, a white flash suddenly flew out from his body and directly headed into the Universe Formation. It transformed into a stone talisman as it appeared in front of Lin Dong.

“Go!”

Once the mysterious stone talisman arrived, under Lin Dong’s

instructions, it immediately appeared beneath the glowing ball. A warm white glow emerged, joining the Devouring Force to form a peculiar black and white glowing screen.

However, what shocked Lin Dong the most was that this Devouring Force, which could supposedly devour everything, actually became gentle once it came into contact with white light from the stone talisman.

Thanks to this glowing screen, the vigorously resisting glowing ball finally showed signs of exhaustion. Evidently, against the combined might of two heavenly treasures, even this Ancient Universe Formation had no choice but to succumb!

A black and white glowing screen enveloped the glowing ball. One above and one below, two heavenly objects were completely suppressing the Ancient Universe Formation!

The tremors from the glowing ball finally disappeared. When Lin Dong saw this sight, a smile surfaced on his face. Thanks to the combined might of the Devouring Ancestral Symbol and the mysterious stone talisman, he was able to suppress the Ancient Universe Formation of unknown origin. From now on, this formation was his to wield!

Even though he had lost the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat, Lin Dong had gained an even more powerful and mysterious Ancient Universe Formation. This was truly a blessing in disguise!

“Shi Xuan, I really must thank you this time!”

Inside the mysterious ancient key space, Lin Dong's tightly shut eyes slowly opened. Promptly, the corners of his mouth moved to form an ice-cold smile as he muttered to himself.

Chapter 474: Changing The Bloodline

Inside the Mysterious Ancient Key space, Little Marten flew around Lin Dong, who had just opened his eyes. An overjoyed look flashed across Little Marten's eyes as it quickly asked, "Did you succeed?"

"Yes," Lin Dong smiled and nodded his head, feeling extremely carefree in his heart. He initially believed that he had lost a powerful weapon when the Spirit Accumulation Praying Mat was destroyed. However, he did not expect to receive such a fruitful compensation for it.

Lin Dong extended his hand. With a flick of his mind, a glowing light formed on his palm. Faintly, a miniature Ancient Universe Formation appeared. At the centre of the miniature formation, Yuan Power, Mental Energy and Devouring Power were fusing together at an astonishing speed. Finally, after the fusion was complete, a palm-sized, dark-grey energy orb was formed.

The energy ball hovered silently over Lin Dong's palm. Even though it was not emitting any wild or savage energy waves, Lin Dong could vaguely smell danger from it. Clearly, this new energy, birthed from the fusion of three kinds of different energies, possessed an extremely formidable killing power.

"Tsk tsk, you really are a lucky brat. Even at my peak, I found it difficult to fuse different types of energies. In the end, a brat like you, who hasn't even attained the Nirvana stage, is able to possess this ability," Little Marten looked at the greyish black energy orb while its eyes flickered with amazement. Its tone contained a tinge

of envy as well.

“This energy is indeed powerful. However, it’s a pity that a huge amount of energy is needed to fuse and form this new energy. Given my current capabilities, I have no way to sustain it,” Lin Dong regretfully said after he nodded his head in agreement.

“Stop being discontent. This energy isn’t simply formed by directly fusing them together. If not for the Ancient Universe Formation, just fusing Yuan Power and Mental Energy with your current ability is already nearly impossible, let alone fusing three different types of energies,” Little Marten rolled its eyes at Lin Dong and chided.

Lin Dong smiled. With a flip of his palm, the dark-grey energy orb and miniature formation disappeared. Soon after, he stretched his body and asked, “How long have we been here?”

“About two days, what do you plan to do next?” Little Marten questioned.

“We have already spent close to half a year in the Ancient Battlefield. In another half a year’s time, the great battle will begin. The empires in the Ancient Battlefield should be frantically searching for all kinds of ancient treasure troves to mine the resources within to boost their powers. Naturally, we shouldn’t fall behind as well,” Lin Dong chuckled as he stood up.

“According to the memory left behind by the Mental Energy Brand that tried to take over my body, the best time to open the

Ancient Treasure Trove will be one month from now. We can assume when that moment comes, those who possess the other three keys will appear at that place too.”

“The Ancient Treasure Trove is definitely not passed down by some ordinary sect and the number of people that will be attracted to it far exceeds the number seen previously in Thunder Granite Valley. Hence, it will be much more difficult to gain any benefits from it.”

“Hehe, whoever dares to hinder Grandpa Marten in obtaining the Samsara Pills, Grandpa Marten will beat the crap out of him or her!” Little Marten laughed oddly. Then, it looked at Lin Dong and said, “When Grandpa Marten recovers my physical body, I will carry out a massacre and help you slaughter all of your enemies.”

Lin Dong rolled his eyes. He knew that even if Little Marten recovered its physical body, it could not return to its peak form immediately. Furthermore, the Ancient Battlefield was not a small nation like the Great Yan Empire. This place was being closely monitored by those super sects in the East Xuan Region and those entities would not allow Little Marten to stir up troubles here. Hence, it would best to ignore its words.

“Oh, by the way, there are quite a number of Nirvana pills in your hands now. You can try attacking the Nirvana stage after training for a while more,” Little Marten changed its tone and said. Clearly, Little Marten was just shooting its mouth off.

Upon hearing these words, Lin Dong smiled and said, “It’s only one million Nirvana pills. My target is not the Nirvana stage

alone.”

Little Marten startled. Then, it asked astonishingly, “Don’t tell me you want to attack the Nirvana Tribulation in one go as well?”

“I’m quite interested in the Nirvana Tribulation,” Lin Dong grinned while his eyes were filled with blazing flame. It appeared that he was really serious about it. Little Marten was somewhat dumbstruck when it heard Lin Dong’s words. Other Nirvana stage practitioners viewed the Nirvana Tribulation with caution like a ferocious tiger, yet this fellow was simply itching to attack it.

However, Little Marten knew that Lin Dong did possess the qualifications to do so. Due to his exceptional prowess, even before he attained the Nirvana stage, his Lesser Nirvana Golden Body allowed him to be on par with other Nirvana stage practitioners. Once he gathered enough resources, it was not impossible for him to attack the Nirvana stage and the Nirvana Tribulation in one go.

“Since you want to slightly delay the time to attack the Nirvana stage, you must resort to other methods to increase your fighting capabilities. Right now, the Devil Cliff Empire hates you to the core. That Shi Xuan alone poses enough troubles for you, let alone his big senior who hasn’t even shown up yet. He should be the leader of the Devil Cliff Empire. They will definitely be heading for the Ancient Treasure Trove. Based on your current abilities, I’m afraid they will be a headache for you,” Little Marten explained as it casted a glance at Lin Dong.

Upon hearing these words, Lin Dong furrowed his eyebrows. He was rather worried about the Devil Cliff Empire’s strength. Even

though he could make use of the Mysterious Ancient Key to escape unscathed, but how could he flee in the Ancient Treasure Trove? If that was the case, he would have no affinity with any of the treasures in there.

Clearly, Lin Dong would not let this happen.

“There are only two items in your hands that can help you to increase your fighting capabilities as soon as possible,” Little Marten said lazily as if it knew about what Lin Dong was worrying about.

“Oh?” Lin Dong raised his eyebrow and looked at Little Marten.

“The first item is the Blood Soul Puppet. If it was in peak condition, its strength shouldn’t be at this level only. Given the amount of Nirvana pills in your possession, you can restore it to the level of a first class Soul Puppet in a short period of time. In other words, that level is equivalent to the One Yuan Nirvana stage and it’s enough to deal with Shi Xuan.”

Lin Dong nodded his head slightly and heaved a sigh of relief. He almost forgot about this artifact. The Blood Soul Puppet had great potential and it could attain the level of a first class Soul Puppet in a short period of time.

“What is the second item?” Lin Dong asked. From the Devil Cliff Empire, other than Shi Xuan, there was still another guy who had not shown up yet. And that guy was the real leader of them and the most difficult one to deal with.

“Yes...” Little Marten looked smilingly at Little Flame, which was lying down on the floor, and laughed, “Don’t you forget about this stupid tiger. When it started to follow you, it may have seem unwise to spend a lot of resources on it. Even though it may look like an ordinary Fire Python Tiger, it’s of an extremely rare bloodline. If it can attain the Nirvana stage, it’s strength cannot be underestimated.”

“Little Flame?” Lin Dong was startled. Soon after, he extended his hand and rubbed Little Flame’s head. Then, he laughed, “As long as this guy can attain the Nirvana stage, I’m willing to use up all my Nirvana pills.”

He did not appear distressed at all despite the fact that he fought with his own life at stake in order to obtain these Nirvana pills.

Little Flame had braved through fire and water with him since the days in Qingyang Town. In Lin Dong’s eyes, Little Flame was not some pet, but an indispensable comrade.

Then, as if it had felt the gentleness in Lin Dong’s eyes, Little Flame let out a soft pur. It used its head to nudge Lin Dong. Both of them appeared very intimate.

When Little Marten saw a human and a tiger getting intimate, it squinted its eyes slightly. Soon after, it gave a soft chuckle and said, “However, don’t be a fool and directly use those Nirvana pills to help that stupid tiger attack the Nirvana stage. Otherwise, it will be very hard for this stupid tiger to be on the same level as

Grandpa Marten.”

Lin Dong stunned for a moment. Then, he gradually understood what did Little Marten mean by being on the same level as itself. Little Marten must be talking about its intelligence, which was even craftier than human’s.

“From a different perspective, regardless of human or Demonic Beast, it is rather important for one to attain the Nirvana stage. Some powerful Demonic Beasts that have pure bloodlines are able to develop real intelligence upon breaking through the Nirvana stage. Some of them can even abandon their beast-forms. Those Demonic Beast with normal bloodline will have their intelligence increased, but at the end of the day, they are still beasts.”

“Since Little Flame has devoured so many bloodlines, it shouldn’t be lacking, right?” Lin Dong questioned hesitantly.

“Do you really think it’s that easy to change one’s bloodline? The bloodlines that it has devoured, including the Heavenly Crocodile’s bloodline, can only strengthen its body but not fundamentally change its bloodline. That’s because these are two different things. If it wants to change its bloodline thoroughly, it must devour a pure tiger’s bloodline,” Little Marten explained plainly.

“A pure tiger’s bloodline?” Lin Dong muttered.

“According to my knowledge, amongst the tiger-type Demonic Beasts, there are three purest bloodlines – Dark Abyss Tiger, Groundbreaking Thunder Tiger and Heavenly Demonic Tiger.”

“Dark Abyss Tiger, Groundbreaking Thunder Tiger and Heavenly Demonic Tiger,” Lin Dong repeated as he used his hand to rub Little Marten’s head.

“These three types of bloodlines are rather reputable in the world of Demonic Beasts. Reportedly, above these three great tiger bloodlines, there’s a legendary entity called the Darkness Sacred Tiger. However, it only appears during the prehistoric era. Since then, no one has heard or seen it anymore.

Little Marten chuckled, “If you can find one of these three great tiger bloodlines, you can thoroughly cleanse this stupid tiger and allow it to possess a legitimate pure bloodline. Its future potential will be limitless.”

Lin Dong laughed bitterly before he said, “Seems like a difficult task to complete. However, for the sake of Little Flame’s future, I will try my best....”

Little Marten nodded its head. It spread out its claws and continued, “Whether we can find it or not, it still depends on this stupid tiger’s luck. Anyway, we should increase the Blood Soul Puppet’s strength first. With a first class Soul Puppet as a guardian, it can spare you a lot of problems.”

Upon hearing this words, Lin Dong nodded his head in agreement. With a wave of his hand, the Blood Soul Puppet was summoned.

In the next two days, Lin Dong continued to stay in the Mysterious Ancient Key's domain. Inside that place, Lin Dong had used two hundred thousand Nirvana pills. With the help of such massive amount of Nirvana pills, the Blood Soul Puppet's strength rose sharply until it reached the level of a first class Soul Puppet. From a different perspective, the Blood Soul Puppet could contend against a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner like Shi Xuan!

After completing his preparations, Lin Dong then felt reassured and left the Mysterious Ancient Key's domain with Little Flame.

Chapter 475: Ancient Lands

On a grass plain located a distance away from Devil Cliff City, space suddenly began to distort before a young figure appeared in a mysterious manner.

The figure was naturally Lin Dong, who had just left the Mysterious Ancient Key domain. When he landed on the ground, formidable Yuan Power surged around his body. However, when he saw that there was nothing amiss, he stealthily heaved a sigh of relief before his tensed body gradually began to relax.

“Using the Mysterious Ancient Key to escape is really not bad at all...” Little Marten appeared on Lin Dong’s shoulders. As it stared at the vast grassy plain, it smiled and remarked.

Lin Dong smiled as well before he looked far into the distance and replied, “Right now, we should head directly for the ancient land. Since I am able to discover that the most opportune time to unlock the mysterious ancient treasure trove will be one month from now, the other high rank empires should be privy to this information as well. Therefore, most of them are likely heading towards that area now. Let’s head over first and familiarize ourselves.”

Little Marten nodded its head. The mysterious ancient treasure trove was no consolation prize and it was likely that any influential empire in the southwest area would be heading towards it to contest for a share. Therefore, the fight was obviously going to be pretty intense and it was undoubtedly going to be on a completely different level when compared to the fight in Thunder Granite

Valley.

In fact, even an empire as powerful as the Devil Cliff Empire did not dare to be negligent under such circumstances. Even though they were amongst the elites in the southwest area, they were far from being overlords. In this vast area, there were other empires that they feared and were wary of.

These truly powerful empires would also participate in the fight for the mysterious ancient treasure trove. Therefore, this goes to show just how massive the battle it was going to be.

“The ones who stand out in the fight for the mysterious ancient treasure trove can be considered as elites even in the entire ancient battlefield. This is a pretty good opportunity.” Lin Dong smiled as he said. There was no hint of retreat in his eyes and they were instead filled with a burning glow. Even though he came from a low rank empire, the Great Yan Empire, he did not keep a low profile or act in a humble manner like others from low rank empires. He did not fear the Saint Light Empire or even the more powerful Devil Cliff Empire at all. That was because he knew that they were important trials in his path to become a truly powerful practitioner!

“Let’s go!”

Lin Dong did not hesitate any further. As he waved his palm, Little Flame immediately leapt out from within his sleeves and transformed into battle mode. Following which, it flapped its large wings and directly flew into the sky. Promptly, Lin Dong’s figure flashed as he sat down on the tiger’s back.

“Growl!”

Little Flame released a deep growl, it's massive body immediately transforming into a red flash as it dashed towards the distant horizon. In a blink of an eye, it disappeared from the edge of the horizon.

The ancient battlefield is extremely spacious and just the outskirts of the southwest area that Lin Dong was in, far exceeds the Great Yan Empire. Furthermore, the ancient lands were located deep within the southwest area. Therefore, even with Little Flame's speed, it would take him at least five days in order to reach his destination.

Meanwhile, during these five days, Lin Dong had been travelling alone by himself. On this solo journey, especially at night, he would obviously encounter attacks from demonic hordes of varying sizes. Therefore, along the way, Lin Dong encountered several attacks.

Nonetheless, the demonic horde, which would be viewed as a calamity by most people, was merely seen by Lin Dong as Demonic Crystals filled with potent Nirvana Qi. In addition, with the Devouring Cortisol formed by his Ancestral Devouring Symbol, the suppressive impacts of nightfall from the ancient battlefield posed no problem to Lin Dong at all.

As such, every time the demonic horde appeared, instead of running away, Lin Dong would embrace them enthusiastically.

After a vigorous massacre, in the end, some of the blood-thirsty demonic beasts were even unable to withstand Lin Dong's enthusiasm as they quickly retreated.

In merely five day's time, Lin Dong had experienced seven demonic horde attacks and countless demonic beasts have met their maker at him and Little Flame's hands. Meanwhile, the number of Demonic Crystals that they obtained were enough to fill up their Qiankun bags. On a cursory glance, it seems like they have obtained at least a hundred thousand Nirvana Pills. All in all, it was a pretty good haul.

Of course, besides fighting with the demonic horde, Lin Dong would pop by a city if he encountered it and attempt to pry for more information regarding the three great tiger bloodlines that Little Marten mentioned. Unfortunately, he did not manage to find any information in the following days.

Even though he did not manage to obtain any information regarding the three great tiger bloodlines, Lin Dong was shocked when he realized that every time he appeared, some peculiar and hidden glares will be immediately cast towards him. This caused him to feel slightly puzzled.

However, this puzzle was quickly solved when a dozen over half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner failed to ambush him. Following which, Lin Dong successfully got the answer to the question that has been troubling him.

"Seems like a bounty has been placed on my head again..." Lin Dong casually slapped away a fearful half-step-to Nirvana stage

practitioner, before he softly chuckled as he muttered to himself.

“”The Devil Cliff Empire have truly spent a huge fortune. In addition to the one million Nirvana Pills that I demanded, they had actually added in another five hundred thousand Nirvana Pills. It’s no wonder these fellows would forsake their lives and charge towards me...”

Lin Dong stretched his back, while a cold glint flowed in his narrowed eyes. This Shi Xuan was truly irritating.

“Forget it, we will arrive at the ancient lands tomorrow. It is likely I will encounter the Devil Cliff Empire at the ancient treasure trove. At that time, we shall resolve our grudge.”

Lin Dong suppressed the killing intent in his heart before he glanced casually at the men who tried to ambush him. Previously, after massacring those demonic hoardes, Lin Dong’s eyes have become cold and sharp just like knives. When they saw his expression, those guys’ scalps turned numb immediately as they retreated hastily.

“Let’s go. The ancient lands can be considered as the most complicated area in the south west region. Perhaps, we can obtain some information regarding the three great tiger bloodlines at that area.” Lin Dong waved his hand and he evidently had no plans to linger on as he immediately leapt on Little Flame’s back. One man and one beast resumed their journey.

On the second day, when it was nearly dusk, Lin Dong, who was

seated on his tiger's back, suddenly opened his eyes before he stared into the horizon.

At the limits of his field of vision, a luscious mountain range had finally appeared. It was an extremely large and ancient land. Even though the ancient battlefield itself was already quite old, this aura was even richer.

From time to time, shooting stars would streak past in the sky above the ancient land. Evidently, they were empires that were coming over from every direction. The wind noises that sounded out occasionally helped to reduce the desolateness of this immense land.

Little Flame flapped its large wings as it flew across the ancient land. High up in the sky, Lin Dong was still able to see some ancient relics. Based on Lin Dong's knowledge, before the ancient battlefield came about, this area was a fairly prosperous area and many powerful factions had set up their operations here. Based on the relics, one could also deduce this fact...

Lin Dong urged Little Flame to land outside of a fairly majestic looking city. These cities were built in the later years and though they did not have an ancient aura, they were pretty large as well. In addition, due to the fact that several empires have been attracted by mysterious ancient treasure trove, the area outside the ancient lands have become exceptionally crowded.

After encountering some problems over these past few days, Lin Dong had finally learnt his lesson and chose to wear a bamboo hat in order to hide his identity. After which, he finally entered into

the city.

Soon after he entered the city, Lin Dong did not explore around. Instead, he directly headed for the central information exchange bazaar in the city. These places were established by several well-connected empires. At these places, as long as one had sufficient Nirvana Pills, one could obtain most information regarding the southwest region.

After these past five days, Lin Dong was fairly familiar with the information exchange bazaar. Immediately after he entered, a lean man greeted him with a smile.

“What kind of information does this friend require? Hmm, right now, everyone who has come to the ancient lands is eyeing the mysterious ancient treasure trove. I believe this friend must be curious about the identities of the four owners of the Mysterious Ancient Keys? For five thousand Nirvana Pills, I will gladly tell you.”

Lin Dong gently lifted his eyelids, before he casually took out five thousand Nirvana Pills and instructed him to go on.

When he saw how forthcoming Lin Dong was, that lean man's eyes brightened up as he quickly kept those Nirvana Pills. Following which, he smiled as he said: “For three of the four Mysterious Ancient Keys, they are being held by three large empires: Death Valley Empire, Prehistoric Empire and Devil Cliff Empire...

“Devil Cliff Empire?” Lin Dong was slightly taken aback. He had never imagined that even after he beat them, the Devil Cliff Empire still managed to obtain another Mysterious Ancient Key. It seems like they were quite capable.

“As for the fourth key, it is not in the hands of a large empire, but rather it is owned by a man from a low rank empire. Hehe, however, don’t underestimate him because of his background. That fellow named Lin Dong is no pushover, not only did he manage to capture all the powerful practitioners sent by the Devil Cliff Empire to hunt after him, he even used them to extort a million Nirvana Pills from the Devil Cliff Empire. Eventually, even after the Devil Cliff Empire mobilized their entire sect, he was still able to escape from them. Therefore, he is no weakling at all.” A tinge of pride hung on that skinny man’s face. It seems like they were the only ones who could obtain such detailed information.

Lin Dong’s eyes narrowed. It was surprising how accurate that fellow’s information was.

“I am also here to inquire about the sightings of three demonic beasts.” Lin Dong’s eyes stared right at that skinny man as he casually smiled and said.

“Oh? Tell me more.” That lean man casually smiled as he said.

“Deep Abyss Tiger, Groundbreaking Thunder Tiger, Heavenly Demonic Tiger.”

When he heard those three names, that lean man was

immediately taken aback. Promptly, with a loaded expression in his eyes, he glanced at Lin Dong before he said: “These three demonic beasts are no ordinary creatures. Typically speaking, they would probably exist in the legendary Demon City.”

“Nothing then?” Lin Dong furrowed his brows with a disappointed tone in his voice. Was there no way for him to help Little Flame change its bloodline in this ancient battlefield? In that case, it would still be a while before Little Flame can attack the Nirvana stage...

Just as Lin Dong was about to leave disappointingly, that lean man scratched his jaws as if he was hesitating for a moment, before he softly said: “I know a little something about it. However, it is going to cost you...”

In that instance, a tinge of joy immediately surged into the eyes beneath the bamboo hat.

Chapter 476: The Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger

“As long as you have the information I need, I will give you a satisfactory price...”

The bright gaze under Lin Dong's bamboo hat gradually withdrew as he let out a soft laughter. His tone did not contain any hint of eagerness. He had dealt with these kinds of shrewd people before and knew that these fellows loved to ask for sky-high prices.

“Hehe,” the lean guy chuckled before continuing, “I shall not beat around the bush and I don't want to lie to you. I do know a thing or two about this issue. However, this information can't be divulged at will, otherwise, I will be in deep trouble.”

“Say your price,” Lin Dong said in an indifferent manner.

“Twenty thousand Nirvana pills! Don't complain about the high price as there are extra implications involved with this matter. I'm afraid my life will be in danger if they knew that I divulged this information,” The lean man licked his lips and said.

Under his bamboo hat, Lin Dong's eyes narrowed. After a moment of silence, he threw out a Qiankun bag and said, “There are ten thousand Nirvana pills here. As for the rest, I will decide after you have told me what you know.”

The lean man hastily received the bag. After hesitating for a

moment, he spoke in a low voice, “A thousand miles north from here lies a beast valley. Inside the beast valley are numerous Demonic Beasts and most of them are comparable to Nirvana stage practitioners. Reportedly, the overlord of this beast valley is as powerful as a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger.

“A One Yuan Nirvana stage Demonic Beast....” Lin Dong’s pupils enlarged a little. Soon after, he furrowed his brows and said, “I’m not looking for the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger. Are trying to scam me?”

“Heh, don’t be anxious and let me finish,” the lean man laughed oddly before continuing, “According to our intelligence, there’s a Heavenly Devil Tiger bone in the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger’s nest. The Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger obtained the bone by luck and is preparing to use it to pass the second Nirvana Tribulation.”

“Heavenly Devil Tiger bone!”

Lin Dong’s eyes suddenly lit up. However, his voice still remained composed, “A dead one?”

“Brother, if you want to find a live Heavenly Devil Tiger, I’m afraid you will have go to the legendary Demon City. I can swear that there are none in the Ancient Battlefield,” the lean man replied.

“Lin Dong, the tiger bone will work too as the power of the bloodline is definitely within it. The Heavenly Devil Tiger clan

concentrate their power in the bones, hence their bones are the most powerful part of their bodies and where their essence is contained!” Little Marten’s voice rang out in Lin Dong’s mind. Its voice seemed to contain a trace of happiness as it did not expect to actually obtain the news of the three tiger species in the Ancient Battlefield.

Upon hearing Little Marten’s words, Lin Dong softly heaved a sigh of relief, feeling somewhat pleased. If Little Flame could make use of this chance and advance to the Nirvana stage, it would inevitably be a formidable aid to Lin Dong.

“If you really desire the Heavenly Devil Tiger bone, perhaps you should set out as soon as possible because there are already two high rank empires preparing to act on this information. I took the risk of obtaining the information from them, therefore, the price of twenty thousand Nirvana pills is not expensive,” the lean man grinned as he reminded Lin Dong.

“Oh?” Lin Dong furrowed his eyebrows. He took out another eleven thousand Nirvana pills and said, “This is payment for the information. As for the surplus, tell me all you know about these two high rank empires.”

The lean man accepted the Nirvana pills quickly while the smile on his face grew increasingly wider.

He then said, “The ones who are after the Heavenly Devil Tiger bone are the Devil Tiger Empire and the Bestial Empire. The martial arts that the former practises are largely associated with tigers. The reason why they are after the Heavenly Devil Tiger’s

bone this time should be to master a powerful martial art. As for the Bestial Empire, it is a unique empire that uses Demonic Beasts' to battle and are rather troublesome.”

“Furthermore, these two high rank empires each have a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner and a Nirvana stage practitioner subordinate. As the half-step-to Nirvana stage, there are also quite a few. I’m afraid it will not be an easy task to seize the Heavenly Devil Tiger bone from their hands,” Clearly, the lean man’s last sentence contained hints of a warning. From his perspective, the person standing in front of him might be mysterious, but he would have to be crazy to do something stupid like single-handedly challenging two high rank empires.

“Two One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioners, two Nirvana stage practitioners.....”

Under the bamboo hat, astonishment swept across Lin Dong’s face. The might of these two high rank empires were far greater than the Great Crow Empire he had encountered at Thunder Granite Valley previously. Looks like the strength disparity amongst high rank empires was rather wide.

“Many thanks.”

As soon as Lin Dong got the information he needed, he did not plan to stay any longer and bided the lean man farewell before turning around, leaving the latter behind. The lean man looked at Lin Dong’s back and shook his head helplessly. In his opinion, Lin Dong was just an impulsive fellow who had gone crazy over an artifact.

After leaving the central information exchange bazaar, Lin Dong immediately left the city. He summoned Little Flame and flew towards the beast valley without delay.

“Lin Dong, this trip will be much more dangerous than Devil Cliff City. These two high rank empires each have a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner. Furthermore, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger isn’t some easy target. If it can pass the Nirvana Tribulation, its intelligence will not be low at all. It will not be easy to seize the Heavenly Devil Tiger bone from them,” At this moment, Little Marten appeared and said.

“The information on the Heavenly Devil Tiger is hard to come by. If we miss it, we won’t know when our next chance will come. Those two empires might be troublesome to deal with, however, they do not know about us after all and still need to fight it out with the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger. If we can grasp this chance, it might not be impossible for us to succeed,” Lin Dong chuckled. Naturally, he knew about the difficulty of this mission. However, he had put in a lot of effort to obtain the information on the Heavenly Devil Tiger and he could not give up like this.

Upon seeing Lin Dong insist, Little Marten could only nod its head. I patted Little Flame, which was flapping its wing and flying through the air, and said, “This stupid tiger should have no complaints while following you. However, I believe that you will find it extremely worthwhile for what you have done for it in the future.”

Demonic Beasts which possessed transforming physiques were

considered an extremely rare breed in the world of Demonic Beasts. No one could determine whether this foolish-looking tiger would become a world-shaking entity in the world of Demonic Beasts.....

“I already feel that it’s worth it....” Lin Dong grinned as he softly declared before slowly closing his eyes to take a rest.

When Lin Dong closed his eyes, he did not see what unfolded next. While Little Flame was diligently flapping its huge wings, a dignified look flickered in its eyes. Its eyes seemed to turn scarlet as its huge wings flapped increasingly fiercer.

Little Marten glanced at Little Flame. A sensitive being like him could naturally sense the subtle energy in the air. Immediately, it spread out its claw and vanished with a jerk of its body.

There was some distance between the beast valley and Lin Dong’s current location. However, with Little Flame’s high-speed flying, Lin Dong could feel the sound of the wind growing weaker after two hours. He slowly opened his eyes and immediately, an extremely vast prehistoric forest suddenly filled his eyes.

This forest towered on a vast piece of land and exuded a heavy, rustic and ancient scent. It must have existed for quite a long time.

“Is this the mountain range where the beast valley is located.....”

Lin Dong's eyes flashed. Just as he was about to allow Little Flame to descend, several red streaks suddenly flashed across the sky. These red streaks materialized into a few figures that appeared before him.

“My friend, the Devil Tiger Empire and Bestial Empire have blocked off this place, please make a detour!” The four people who had appeared stared at Lin Dong vigilantly while greeting the latter. Their auras were extremely powerful and showed that they had reached the half-step-to Nirvana stage.

“Oh, sorry for the trouble.”

Lin Dong faintly smiled and did not make any unnecessary actions. Patting Little Flame, they turned around and left. When that four people saw how direct Lin Dong was, they were stunned for a moment before letting out a laugh. Most likely, they believed that Lin Dong was afraid of their two high rank empires. They turned around at once and flew towards the deeper areas of the mountain range.

As they turned and departed, they did not discover the ghost-like figure that was slowly and patiently tailing them.....

Lin Dong's figure swiftly moved through the prehistoric forest. In this forest, numerous huge trees reached high up into the sky. The canopy enshrouded the area and blocked even sunlight, causing the forest to be dim and gloomy.

The four figures continued flying forward while sprinkling some

sort of powder along the way.

“Are they chasing away Demonic Beasts?” Lin Dong sniffed the powder. A hot and spicy smell began to overwhelm his nose as his eyebrows lifted themselves. No wonder these people could travel in and out so smoothly. It appeared that they had employed a unique method.

Along the way, Lin Dong quietly tailed the four people. After ten minutes, the gloomy forest finally came to an end as a gigantic valley appeared before Lin Dong’s eyes.

On the cliff of the valley, one could vaguely see some figures. Looks like the two high rank empires had already started dealing with the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger.

Lin Dong moved his body and bizarrely appeared in a hidden spot on the cliff after quite some time. He shifted his gaze toward the inner sanctum of the valley. The valley was extremely vast and there were numerous Demonic Beasts within. However, most of the Demonic Beasts were now lying on the ground. It appeared that they were not killed, but rather being put to coma by some kind of medicine.

At this moment, two figures floated down from the cliff. When Lin Dong saw these two figures, his eye pupils immediately shrunk a little. From the auras that were surging through the two figures’ bodies, they must be the One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioners from the two high rank empires.....

“Come out Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger. We have been preparing for a very long time just for you....” The two people coldly laughed as they appeared.

Lin Dong’s gaze followed the duo’s, only to find a huge cave in the depths of the valley. Faintly, the earth seemed to tremble as a several hundred metres tall figure, which was accompanied with an astonishing pressure, slowly walked out from the shadow of the cave with a booming footsteps.

“Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger.”

As Lin Dong observed the enormous figure that had walked out of the cave, he gently exhaled and muttered to himself.

Chapter 477: A Fierce Fight

A muscular figure slowly walked out from the dark mountain cave before it finally appeared under the sunlight.

As the figure revealed itself, the air in the valley seemed to stealthily freeze, while a faint savage aura spread out in the air.

Lin Dong's pupils shrunk a little as he stared at the massive figure. It was several meters tall and looked just like a small-sized giant, while its body was covered in black steel-like fur. The most shocking thing about it was its head. Instead of a human head, there was a large tiger head.

Its sinister fangs had traces of blood on them and gave off a chilling sensation. Meanwhile, its slightly blood-red tiger eyes were filled with a savage bloodlust.

This was no ordinary Demonic Beast. This Mighty Earthshaking Tiger had obviously shed most of its beast form. If it was to pass through another one or two Nirvana Tribulations, it could completely leave behind its beast form.

The Mighty EarthShaking Tiger stood upright outside of the mountain cave. Its savage killing aura, which enveloped its body, looked as if it was life-like and it felt sharp like knives.

When the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger appeared, all the troops from the two high rank empire's faces changed and there was immediately a tinge of fear in their eyes. It seems like that savage

pressurizing aura emerging from the former's body caused their breathing to turn ragged.

“Regardless of your motive, get out of this beast valley immediately!”

That Majestic Earthshaking Tiger's eyes were filled with viciousness as it stared at the men from the two high grade empire. Following which, its deep growl ricocheted across the entire valley just like thunder. That piercing noise caused some weaker practitioner's eardrums to ache.

“You can actually speak human language. Truly a demonic beast that has passed through a Nirvana Tribulation.” When Lin Dong saw this situation, he secretly praised it inside his heart. Other than Little Marten, this was the second time he saw a demonic beast that could speak.

“Haha, you are but a mere beast. How dare you be so arrogant. Do you really believe that you are invincible after passing through a Nirvana Tribulation? I know that you possess the corpse of a Heavenly Demonic Tiger. If you willingly surrender it, perhaps you can still remain as the king of this place.” The one speaking was a man dressed in grey clothes and there were a few peculiar tiger tattoos on his face. Both of his hands were behind his back and it seemed like he was not the slightest bit affected by the aura of that Mighty Earthshaking Tiger.

“That man should be be the head of Devil Tiger Empire, Teng Hu.” Lin Dong's eyes glimmered.

“Do you want this king’s Heavenly Demonic Tiger bones?”

That Mighty Earthshaking Tiger’s pupils suddenly turned cold, before its large and solid palm gripped onto a large rock. Then, it viciously flung it toward Teng Hu. That splitting wind sound was extremely formidable.

“Snort!”

When he saw the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger immediately attacking him, Teng Hu coldly snorted. With a wave of his palm, formidable Yuan Power forcewind gushed out and blasted that large rock into dust.

“A beast is still a beast and it won’t listen to reason. In that case, I shall take care of you as well. It just so happens that my friend here is quite interested in you. If he can successfully tame you, it would bring him much glory!”

A cold glow flowed in Teng Hu’s eyes. Promptly, he tilted his head and turned to look at a man dressed in beast-like clothes, before he smiled and said: “Brother Chen Mo, how about we combine forces and take care of this beast?”

“Hehe, I have never fought such a powerful demonic beast. However, we have a deal. You shall get the Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bones and I shall get this Mighty Earthshaking Tiger!” That man dressed in beast-like clothes had a burning glow in his eyes, as he stared at that Mighty Earthshaking Tiger. This man’s aura was

quite powerful as well and it could rival Teng Hu. Evidently, he was the leader of Bestial Empire and he was also a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner.

“As you wish!”

Teng Hu laughed heartily. Promptly, his figure suddenly dashed out. At the same time, waves of formidable Yuan Power instantly swept forth. Following which, his formidable Yuan Power aura surrounding the entire valley, before it clashed against that Mighty Earthshaking Tiger.

“Boom!”

At the same time, a formidable Yuan Power that would not lose out to Teng Hu, also erupted from within Chen Mo’s body. Instantly, the entire aura was surrounded by two men and one beast’s powerful auras. Due to their powerful auras, all the men from the two high rank empires, with the exception of the two Nirvana stage practitioners, found it difficult to breathe.

“Bang!”

Savage Yuan Power swivelled amidst the valley. In the next instance, Teng Hu and Chen Mo’s expression suddenly turned cold, before both of their figures suddenly dashed forth.

“Heavenly Tiger Devour Space!”

Teng Hu hovered in mid-air, before the majestic Yuan Power gathered around his body, actually transformed into a giant Yuan Power tiger. As it roared at the heavens, a genuine tiger aura faintly emerged from it.

“Beast Trapping Seal!”

Chen Mo’s hand seals changed, before a large glowing seal promptly flew out. In a blink of an eye, it had appeared above that Majestic Earthshaking Tiger. Following which, countless light beams rained down from every direction, before it completely trapped the latter just like a glowing screen.

When the two of them attacked, they showed some chemistry. One man was in charge of attack, while the other took charge of defence. Furthermore, they had pretty good coordination.

That large Yuan Power tiger carried a menacing and formidable aura as it flashed across the sky, before it lighting-quick slammed against that Majestic Earthshaking Tiger’s body.

“Bang!”

A deep explosive noise sounded out in the valley, while that Majestic Earthshaking Tiger’s muscular body was blown back a dozen over steps. Furthermore, each time it took a step back, the entire valley would tremble.

“Growl!”

As it faced Teng Hu duo's combined attack, that Majestic Earthshaking Tiger was evidently outraged. The bloodlust in its tiger's eyes grew increasingly rich. As it roared at the heavens, a bloody energy immediately spurted out from within its body.

“Dong!”

The Majestic Earthshaking Tiger viciously stomped its foot against the ground. Promptly, its figure transformed into a bolt of lightning as it tore through the sky. In a flash, it had appeared in front of Teng Hu before it delivered a tiger punch. Faintly, one could see that there was a hint of martial arts background in the way it moved and its aura was extremely formidable.

“Devil Tiger Fist!”

A cold glint also flashed across Teng Hu's eyes. As his fists danced, they seemed to resemble that of a sinister and vicious tiger. Meanwhile, his fist also took the shape of a vicious and sinister tiger, before it solidly clashed against that Majestic Earthshaking Tiger.

A deep echo swept across the mountain valley, before Teng Hu's body was forcefully blown away. Even though they were both at One Yuan Nirvana stage, in a real fight, he was evidently outclassed by the Majestic Earthshaking Tiger. For these types of demonic beast, once they develop intelligence, based on their naturally powerful physical bodies, humans at the same cultivation level would usually lose out to them.

Even though he was blown away, Teng Hu was fairly vicious as he immediately leapt back and fought with the Majestic Earthshaking Tiger. Instantly, large granites exploded in the mountain valley, while savage shockwinds swept forth, a pretty alarming sight.

While Teng Hu was fighting with the Majestic Earthshaking Tiger, Chen Mo leapt into mid-air. After he whistled, every elite Bestial Empire practitioner in the surrounding valleys immediately made a move. Instantly, several Yuan Power light columns shot out, before they all gathered on Chen Mo's body. Based on his expression, it seems like he was preparing for something.

Lin Dong's eyes narrowed as he stared at that fearsome battle within the valley. As his eyes swept across the mountain cave, he was silent for a moment. However, he did not make a move. The two men and beast in the valley were no simple individuals. Even while they were fighting, their minds were locked on the mountain cave. Therefore, if Lin Dong showed up, he would definitely be discovered by them. At that time, those fellow may all charge towards him.

Even though his Blood Soul Puppet has been upgraded to a Grade One Soul Puppet, it was evidently not powerful enough to battle against three One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioners.

Therefore, right now, he could only wait and see.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

As this thought flashed across Lin Dong's mind, the battle in the valley got increasingly intense. However, for this fight, the Mighty Earth Shattering Tiger evidently had the upper hand. In a one-to-one fight, it had no need to fear a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner.

Nonetheless, it was also obvious that Teng Hu had no intention of fighting seriously against it. Meanwhile, Teng Hu's body was once again viciously blown away. As he tried to suppress the raging blood inside his body, there was a solemn glow in his eyes. Their Devil Tiger Empire's martial arts were typically powerful and domineering. However, against a genuine Devil Tiger, even he felt genuinely troubled.

Just as his figure flew out, Teng Hu glanced at Chen Mu, who was hovering in mid-air, before he shouted out: "Brother Chen Mu, quickly make a move!"

In mid-air, when Chen Mu, whose entire body was enveloped by a powerful and peculiar glow, heard his words, he laughed heartily before his handseals changed: "Demonic Binds!"

Hua! La! La!

After Chen Mo shouted out, a crisp noise sounded out as countless chains formed from Yuan Power suddenly descended. The tips of these chains were extremely sharp. As they flashed across the horizon, they finally stabbed viciously into the Majestic Earthshaking Tiger's body. Furthermore, when those glowing

symbols flowed along the chains and reached the Majestic Earthshaking Tiger's body, the bloody glow undulated on the latter's body immediately began to weaken.

“Hehe, Bestial Empire specializes in dealing with demonic beasts like you. This time around, let's see what you can do!” When he saw that the Majestic Earthshaking Tiger's bloody glow was rapidly weakening, Teng Hu involuntarily laughed.

“Despicable humans!”

That Majestic Earthshaking Tiger struggled frantically as it tried to remove those chains from its body. However, these chains seemed to possess a peculiar energy which had a suppressive effect on its body.

Teng Hu floated over, before he gripped his palm. Immediately, formidable Yuan Power quickly transformed into a Yuan Power spear. Meanwhile, a cold glint glimmered in his eyes.

“Growl!”

As if it detected the killing intent in Teng Hu's eyes, that Majestic Earthshaking Tiger began to growl immediately. A bloody glow continuously flowed, however it was forcefully locked down by those chains.

“I can help you solve your current problems. However, there will be a price to pay. Are you willing?”

Just as the blood-red glint in that Majestic Earthshaking Tiger's eyes intensified, suddenly, a soft voice stealthily entered into its ears.

That Majestic Earthshaking Tiger, which was struggling manically, froze for a second before its tiger eyes lightning-quick scanned across the entire valley. After contemplating for a moment, it decisively nodded its head.

Chapter 478: Making A Move

It was obvious that the current situation would not develop into a internecine like Lin Dong had hoped for. After all, the two high rank empires were well-prepared and had the means to restrain the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger. If this continued, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger would likely be captured by them and if Lin Dong only revealed himself at that moment, the situation would become extremely troublesome.

Although he would not fear the two empires if he used every card he had, it would still be very troublesome and he would not emerge unscathed. In comparison, if he could join forces with the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger to beat back the two high rank empires, even if any special situation occurred in future, it would still be somewhat easier to deal with than facing two high rank empires alone.

Hence, when the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger fell into a disadvantageous situation, Lin Dong finally decided to make his move; temporarily aiding the former to contend against the two high rank empires.

“Swish!”

Killing intent surged in Teng Hu’s eyes as the formidable Yuan Power spear in his hand suddenly shot out. He avoided hitting the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger’s vitals but he would still be gravely injured if hit.

As he gazed at the incoming sinister Yuan Power spear, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger's eyes changed. He struggled madly but the mysterious chains firmly held him down through the combined efforts of Chen Mo and the Bestial Empire practitioners.

“Ch!”

In that instant, a red light suddenly flashed out from the mountain valley. It flashed into the area at an astonishing speed, powerful aftershocks viciously tearing apart the air as it hacked at the chain.

Crack!

Due to the formidable force, the Yuan Power chains instantly cracked. In the end, the powerful fist of the frantically struggling Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger viciously lashed out, destroying the chains with a single punch!

“Who?!”

This sudden turn of events caused everyone's expressions to change. Teng Hu and Chen Mo's faces turned incomparably ugly as they cast their gazes towards the red figure that had appeared.

With a body that looked like it was made of fire, it silently stood in the air. Faintly, an extremely powerful aura spread out from its body, causing no one to dare underestimate it.

“May we inquire who you are? My Devil Tiger Empire and the Bestial Empire are currently doing something here, and we hope that you will not interfere!” Teng Hu’s expression was frosty as he stared at the red figure, his voice brimming with unconcealed rage. Their previous preparations had been ruined, hence, how could he not be angered. If it were not for his fear of the figure’s formidable aura, he would have immediately moved to kill the latter.

The red figure that had appeared was naturally the Blood Soul Puppet. Its apathetic gaze merely glanced at Teng Hu, not bothering to reply.

At this moment, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger once again stood up and looked at the Blood Soul Puppet with some astonishment. As a Demonic Beast, he had keen senses and from what he could tell, the figure before them, that even he did not dare to underestimate, did not have any life force in its body at all.

“Brother Teng Hu, this is a Soul Puppet, not the original body. The master controlling the Soul Puppet must be close by!” Chen Mo icily looked at the Blood Soul Puppet and suddenly shouted in a low voice.

“Find that fellow! He can hide no longer!” Teng Hu’s eyes hardened as he sternly commanded.

“Hehe, there’s no need.” However, just as Teng Hu’s shout faded, a figure had already appeared. It was Lin Dong, except that he was currently wearing a bamboo hat on his head. One could tell that he was purposely hiding his face.

The instant Lin Dong's figure was revealed, Teng Hu and the rest's gazes shifted over. When they felt the undulations around Lin Dong's body, they secretly sighed in relief. Fortunately, it was only a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner.

"My friend, your actions seem to be a little inappropriate right? As long as you stand by and do nothing, after this, I, Teng Hu, will surely invite you to be a valued guest at my Devil Tiger Empire. This is the Ancient Battle Field, having more friends is not a bad thing after all." With killing intent churning in his eyes, Teng Hu laughed instead and spoke.

If Lin Dong was alone, Teng Hu would not even bother speaking and instead immediately take action, however, the current situation did not allow him to do so. Although Lin Dong's half-step-to Nirvana strength was beneath Teng Hu's notice, even he felt danger from the Soul Puppet. Hence, they did not dare to be careless.

"Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger, is what we discussed still valid?" Lin Dong ignored Teng Hu. The gaze under the bamboo hat turned towards the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger below and asked.

The red light in the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger's eyes swirled as he violently nodded his head. His voice was full of ferocity as he spoke, "First tear these fools apart!"

"Bastard, how dare you not to give us face. Offending both of our high rank empires is equivalent to courting death!" Upon seeing

this, Chen Mo's expression instantly turned ice-cold, while Teng Hu's expression also turned extremely dark.

“Brother Chen Mo, I'll let you handle the Soul Puppet while I stop the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger. As for that fellow, he's merely a half-step-to Nirvana, let the others deal with him. As long as he is killed, his control over the Soul Puppet will naturally be lost. Humph, foolish fellow. Since he believes that he can do as he pleases with a Soul Puppet as his guard, if we kill him, the Soul Puppet will become a great treasure!” Teng Hu deeply breathed in before viciously declaring.

“Alright!”

In response, Chen Mu let out a sinister laugh as he stared at the Blood Soul Puppet with eyes full of greed.

“This old tiger will first tear you apart today!”

The Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger roared. The sole of his foot heavily stamped on the ground as he ferociously charged at Teng Hu. That bloodthirsty aura caused even Teng Hu's face to twitch a little, not daring to be the slightest bit slow as he hastily pushed the Yuan Power in his body to the limit to face this foe.

When the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger attacked, Chen Mo's figure also moved to stand in front of the Blood Soul Puppet. He maliciously looked towards Lin Dong as he waved his hand and commanded, “Teng Lin, Chen Dong, lead the men and finish off this person!”

“Roger!”

Two Nirvana practitioners swept down from the top of the mountain valley. Soon after, they appeared in a spot not far from Lin Dong wearing malicious smiles on their faces. With their strength, dealing with a mere half-step-to Nirvana practitioner was too easy.

“Kid, better open your eyes bigger in your next life. Some people cannot be offended by the likes of yourself!”

Lin Dong took one look at the nastily laughing duo and could not help but chuckle. Although these two fellows were Nirvana practitioners, they had clearly advanced recently. The undulations given off by their bodies were much weaker than the Devil Cliff Empire’s Lei She and Chen Mu, and were at most at Li Yan’s level.

Lin Dong did not conceal his sneer. Thus, it was naturally seen by the duo, immediately causing the corners of their eyes to twitch. They never would have imagined that a mere half-step-to Nirvana fellow would actually be so arrogant.

“Kill him!”

As one of Nirvana practitioner’s icy voice rang out, the Yuan Power around the duo abruptly surged. They were rather well coordinated as they simultaneously attacked Lin Dong, one from the left, the other from the right, like a pair of horns that were about to close in.

Although the two were somewhat furious due to Lin Dong's arrogance, they were still quite cool-headed and were not overly rash. They worked together and attacked, displaying a force that was rather formidable.

Upon seeing this, Chen Mo slightly nodded his head. With two Nirvana practitioners simultaneously attacking, even if that kid really had some skill, he would still find himself in a difficult situation.

"I'll wait till the Chen Dong duo take care of that kid and loses control over the Soul Puppet. At that time, I can be the first to snatch it away. This object cannot fall into the Devil Tiger Empire's hands." Chen Mo slowly withdrew his gaze, before stopping at the Blood Soul Puppet. The greed in his eyes grew increasingly intense.

"Thud thud!"

While thoughts of greed were spinning about in Chen Mo's heart, two low thuds suddenly sounded out nearby. When he heard these sounds, the corners of Chen Mo's eyes raised a little. Was this fellow really so pathetic?

With mocking thoughts in his head, Chen Mo once again shifted his gaze and saw two sorry figures sliding on the ground before viciously slamming into a giant boulder. Immediately, the giant boulder exploded as the two spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. Their faces were filled with astonishment.

As he watched the two who had spat out blood, Chen Mo's mind froze for a moment before he abruptly raised his head, only to see the bamboo hat figure floating in the air nearby. Extremely powerful Mental Energy rippled around his body, instantly causing the surrounding air to show indications of boiling.

“Mental Energy? This kid is a Heaven Symbol Master!”

When he felt the powerful Mental Energy, Chen Mo's expression finally turned grim. They were the ones who had miscalculated this time...

“It's no good to be distracted now.” As if he felt Chen Mo's gaze, Lin Dong softly chuckled. Soon after, a resplendent light erupted around the Soul Puppet's body as it ferociously attacked Chen Mo.

Faced with the Blood Soul Puppet's sudden barrage, Chen Mo slightly struggled for a time as he hastily retreated.

“Bang!”

At this time, the two Nirvana practitioners that had been blown away by Lin Dong finally stabilized their bodies. They suppressed the shock in their hearts and exchanged a look. The Yuan Power in their bodies quickly gushed out as powerful martial arts were swiftly displayed at their hands. This time, they no longer dared to hold anything back and immediately pushed their power to the limit.

However, in response to the duo's fully powered martial arts, Lin Dong faintly smiled. Even Lei She, a practitioner who had failed the Nirvana Tribulation had been dealt with by Lin Dong, what more the two Nirvana practitioners before him who were far from being able to compare to Chen Mu...

Boom boom!

Formidable Yuan Power finally took shape in the two Nirvana practitioners hands. The attacks ruthlessly charged towards Lin Dong with powerful momentum.

The two Nirvana practitioners maliciously stared at the figure in the air. Although this fellow was a Heaven Symbol Master, he should still have to temporarily back off from this attack!

However, what happened next caused the duo's wishful thinking to crumble completely. In the face of the duo's powerful martial arts, Lin Dong did not show any indications of dodging. He clenched his fist as a bolt of lightning descended from the sky, transforming into a black lightning palm that smashed into the martial arts.

Thump!

A low thump instantly sounded out in the sky as the two Nirvana practitioner's complexions immediately turned deathly white. The martial arts they were so proud of had been instantly destroyed upon contact with the black lightning palm...

It was only now that they finally understood. This fellow before them, who was merely a half-step-to Nirvana practitioner, was disguising himself as a pig to devour tigers!

Evidently, they had encountered a very, very hard metal board this time.

Chapter 479: Retreating in fear

Bang!

That powerful martial art attack exploded completely in mid-air. However, despite being blasted by the powerful explosion, the black lightning palm still landed ruthlessly on the bodies of the appalled Chen Dong duo.

“Buzz buzz!”

A deep and low sound erupted from their bodies. Like a breakaway kite, their bodies were being knocked back. Then, they violently spat out a mouthful of blood and their breathing became ragged almost instantly. Clearly, Lin Dong’s attack had injured them severely.

As the practitioners from the two high-ranked empires around the valley witnessed this scene, their facial expression drastically changed while their shocked stares were locked on to Lin Dong. Previously, based on Chen Mo’s astonished gasp, they already knew that the seemingly half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner was actually a Heaven Symbol Master. Even then, they felt that given the Chen Dong duo’s Nirvana stage’s capabilities, it should be an easy task for them to stall Lin Dong even if they could not defeat him. However, the current scene of them being blasted off by a single palm from him appeared to have destroyed the fantasy in their minds completely.

“How is this possible!?”

At the same time, Chen Mo's face, who had been observing Lin Dong along, turned extremely grim when he saw what had happened. Indistinctly, a worried look flashed across his eyes. The current situation appeared to have spun out of their control.

Chen Mo clenched his teeth. He dodged the Bloody Soul Puppet's frenzied attack and cast a sweeping glance at Teng Hu's side. At this moment, under the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger's fevered offense, Teng Hu fell into a disadvantageous position and could only use his powerful martial arts to forcefully fight back. Apparently, this situation would not last long. Not only were the Demonic Beasts stronger than humans, but they had far more endurance than humans as well. Once humans were engaged in a deadlocked match with them, it would not be a good news to the former.

"Everyone, listen to me, let's kill this lad together!" Chen Mo suddenly shouted as his eyes flickered with ghastliness.

Given the current situation, they must first get rid of Lin Dong. Otherwise, he could not escape the Blood Soul Puppet's attacks. And if he could not get his hands free, Teng Hu was bound to be defeated by the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger.

"Yes!"

There were quite a lot of men from the two high-ranked empires in the valley. Therefore, when they heard Chen Mo's order, they replied in unison. Soon after, numerous powerful beams of Yuan

Power erupted and blasted towards Lin Dong with an earth-shattering force.

Lin Dong hovered in the mid-air and glanced mockingly at the two high-ranked empires incoming practitioners from under his straw hat. Then, with a flip of his palm, his Devouring Power swept out abruptly and formed a dark canopy that enshrouded the area.

Devouring World.

This time around, Lin Dong did not bring out its maximum power and the area that the canopy enshrouded was not too big. Nonetheless, it should be enough to deal with these minor characters.

Pfft pfft!

Those incoming practitioners flew directly into the Devouring World as they were caught unprepared. Apparently, they were far weaker than Lei She and his counterparts. That was because their powers were completely devoured by the Devouring World in less than ten seconds. Immediately, they fell down helplessly from the sky and landed heavily in the valley. A series of faint groans could be heard from within the valley.

“Who exactly is this guy!?”

Indistinctly, Chen Mo’s eyes were overwhelmed with horror

when he saw his henchmen being completely drained. Clearly, he could not comprehend how his previously vigorous henchmen landed up in this state in less than ten seconds.

“You bastard!”

Lin Dong’s actions had attracted much attention. Therefore, even Teng Hu, who was being forced by the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger to a sorry state, could sense what was going on and involuntarily cursed in rage.

“You still dare to be distracted now?” Just as Teng Hu finished his sentence, the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger’s eyes gushed with killer intent and it hurled its tiger paw forward. An ear-piercing tiger whistle then swept across the area. Following which, a turbulent energy wave blasted towards Teng Hu ferociously.

Facing such violent attack from the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger, Teng Hu’s facial expression changed drastically. Suddenly, his body began to tremble and then inflated abruptly. In the twinkling of an eye, he transformed into a tiger-like beast that was roughly the same size as the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger. The martial art that this fellow practised was somewhat similar to the Devil Ape Transformation that Lin Dong practised in the past.

“Bang!”

As the two gigantic tigers collided fiercely, all the huge rocks within a hundred feets were crushed to powder by the powerful energy erupted from the collision. Numerous thick and solid

cracks extended throughout the ground like a spiderweb.

Teng Hu's body ricocheted backwards. Both his feet were half a metre deep in the ground, leaving a deep mark in the ground of the valley. Even though he practised this kind of unique body transformation martial art, his powers were still lacking compared to the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger's.

“How dare you dream about snatching the Heavenly Demonic Tiger's bone with that lousy martial of yours, you're obviously courting death!” Apparently, the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger was extremely angry with the fact that it was being subdued by these people previously. As such, its attacks were extremely ruthless and it did not even give Teng Hu any chances to take a breather. Taking a step forward, its gigantic body surged with a dense smell of blood once again. Then, it pounced on Teng Hu, whose qi and blood was churning inside of his body.

When Teng Hu saw the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger pounced over once again, a grim look appeared on his face. However, since there was no way he could dodge the attack, he could only directly face it.

“Thump!”

While Teng Hu was being forced into a rather perilous state by the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger, on the other side, Chen Mo was not in any better shape as well. Currently, the Blood Soul Puppet's powers were comparable to a One Yuan Nirvana Stage practitioner's powers. Therefore, even when Chen Mu went all-out on his attacks, he could only fight evenly against the Blood Soul

Puppet and he was not able to gain the upper hand.

Furthermore, Lin Dong, who had completely wiped out the men from the two high-ranked empires, was carrying out sneak attacks now. In this case, Chen Mo, who was not able to gain any upper hands in the first place, was now in a dire straits.

In addition, Lin Dong's sneak attacks were extremely cunning. Not only did he not need to face his opponent directly, he managed to use his powerful Mental Energy to carry out unpredictable attacks that caused Chen Mo to be extremely vexed. In a moment of rage, the Blood Soul Puppet caught a mistake and ruthlessly landed a punch on his body.

“Humph!”

Even though Chen Mo had passed through the Nirvana Tribulation once, the Blood Soul Puppet's punch that landed on him was no trifling matter. Thus, instantly, Chen Mo's face turned pale-white and he let out a groan.

“Swoosh!”

After a single attack, Lin Dong was able to completely dominate his enemy. Following which, with a jolt of his mind, the Bloody Soul Puppet's attacks suddenly became violent and intense. In fact, Chen Mo was denied of the chance to even readjust the qi and blood in his body.

“Damned lad!”

After being harassed constantly, Chen Mo flew into a rage. However, he secretly began to conceive the thought of retreating. Given the current situation, it was clear that they would not be able to successfully obtain the Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bone. In fact, they might even end up worse off.

While his eyes glimmered, Chen Mo finally clenched his teeth and let out a sharp whistle from his mouth.

The sharp whistle echoed throughout the valley, letting everyone heard it loud and clear.

When those extremely weak practitioners from the two high-ranked empires heard the whistle, they hastily struggled to stand up. Then, after taking a look at each other, they fled the valley like a flash flood. It seemed that Chen Mo’s whistle was a signal of retreat.

“Bang!”

Once again, Teng Hu was viciously knocked back by the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger, while he vomited out a mouthful of blood. After glancing at his fleeing men with an ashen expression, Teng Hu finally let out a resentful grunt and threw a spiteful gaze at Lin Dong.

“Kid, you had better watch out, don’t let me find out who you

are, otherwise I will tear you into pieces!” Teng Hu bellowed. Initially, today’s plan was a sure-fire, however, the sudden appearance of Lin Dong had destroyed everything. How could this not enrage him.

After finishing his sentence, Teng Hu did not stay any longer. Today’s mission had been a failure. If he carried on fighting, he would probably suffer more than a minor injury. Immediately, with a jolt of his body, he transformed into a red streak and fled the place. After a while, he disappeared from the valley.

After the men from the two high-ranked empires retreated hastily, the turmoiled valley gradually quietened down. Only the crushed rocks and huge cracks on the ground could prove that there was epic battle in this place previously.

Lin Dong looked at the retreating empires with a serene face and smiled indifferently. As for Teng Hu’s threat, he merely ignored it. This is the so-called fearless. He offended a lot of people but he did not care about them at all.

Lin Dong waved his hand lightly and the Blood Soul Puppet stood behind him silently. The dangerous aura that it was emitting previously had been withdrawn.

At this moment, the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger was panting heavily. Apparently, the previous epic battle was not an easy one. Then, it raised its head and looked at Lin Dong. There was a red glint flickering in its tiger eyes and there seemed to be a brutal aura pervading the air.

Under his straw hat, Lin Dong's eyes silently met with the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger's eyes. He was not threatened by the despotic look in the tiger's eyes at all. Therefore, after a while, Lin Dong plainly smiled, "Now, shall we talk about the price you are willing to pay?"

The Mighty Earthshaking Tiger narrowed its eyes and looked at the Bloody Soul Puppet behind Lin Dong. Then, it said, "I'm not like those ungrateful humans. Tell me, what is the price to pay!?"

However, as the tiger was speaking these words, its eyes were somewhat flickering.

Lin Dong stretched his body as if nothing had happened. Then, he pointed his finger towards the cave and laughed insipidly, "Awesome, give me the Heavenly Demonic Tiger's bone and we can call it even."

Chapter 480: Tiger Bone Obtained

The air in the valley seemed to solidify the instant those words left Lin Dong's mouth, while the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger stared at Lin Dong with a savage glint in his eyes.

“So you have the same goal as the rest of them,” the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger opened his mouth, revealing its sharp and frightening white fangs.

“There is no free lunch in this world. If it wasn't for my help today, not only would you have lost the Heavenly Devil Tiger bone, you might have even lost your life.” Lin Dong replied indifferently.

“And I have made myself clear that you must pay the price if you want me to assist you. You should have already guessed what price I was talking about at that time.”

“Since you have already promised me, based on your current words, it seems like you were deliberately trying to trick me?” Under Lin Dong's straw hat, an icy glint swept across his eyes.

“I cannot deny that you have indeed helped me. However, I am preparing to use the Heavenly Devil Tiger bone to breakthrough the second Nirvana Tribulation. I will never give it to you!” the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger spoke hesitantly while its eyes contained uncertainty.

“I have some Nirvana Pills in my hands and I can offer them to you as your remuneration.”

Lin Dong's brows creased subtly. Obviously, things were not going smoothly as he had expected it to be. Apparently, it was not an easy task to make the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger gave up the Heavenly Demonic Tiger's bone obediently.

Seeing Lin Dong remain silent, fear flashed across the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger's eyes. Then, it casted a glance at the Blood Soul Puppet behind Lin Dong. It knew that if they were to fight, it might not be able to gain an upper-hand against the combined forces of Lin Dong and the Blood Soul Puppet .

“Hey hey, there's no need for such a tense situation...”

Just as the atmosphere in the valley froze, the lazy voice of Little Marten finally reverberated through the air. Then, it appeared on Lin Dong's shoulder while wobbling its body.

“Demonic Spirit?”

The Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger was startled when he saw Little Marten appeared on Lin Dong's shoulder. Soon after, a twinge of sombreness and fear gushed through its eyes. Even though Little Marten was petite in size, for some reasons, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger could sense a faint overwhelming pressure from it.

“Hey, lunkhead. Don't tell me you are thinking about keeping the Heavenly Devil Tiger bone and implant it into your body during the Nirvana Tribulation? If that's the case, Grandpa Marten think

you won't be able to live long. The bloodline of Heavenly Demonic Tiger race is overbearing and with your mediocre physique, even if you forcefully fuse with it, you will not be able to display its powers. Instead, you might have more to lose if your bones are incompatible," Little Marten shot a glance at the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger and warned.

Upon hearing these words, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger's facial expression changed but surprisingly, it did not refute Little Marten. It did have this notion all along and it also clearly know that it was extremely dangerous to do this.

"It is extremely difficult to pass through the Nirvana Tribulation. Without the Heavenly Demonic Tiger's Bone, I might as well be considered as dead, so I rather take the risk," the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger uttered in a low voice. When the tiger faced Little Marten, the aggression in the former's voice toned down unconsciously. Through the unique connection between Demonic Beasts, it could detect that the seemingly tiny Little Marten appeared to hide an aggression that was stronger than itself by countless times.

"You seem determined to pass through the second Nirvana Tribulation. Forget about it, I can see that you have put in the effort to cultivate till this level. Grandpa Marten shall not use those typical threatening tactics against you." Little Marten said with its claw under its chin. Soon after, with a grasp of its other claw, a glowing bamboo strip appeared in that claw.

"This is an unique body transformation martial art practised by the species of Dark Abyss Tiger. If you can master it, your chances

of passing through the Nirvana Tribulation should increase by around thirty percent.”

“The Dark Abyss Tiger’s body transformation martial art”

Upon hearing these words, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger could not help but lose its voice momentarily. The Dark Abyss Tiger was one of the three great tiger species and their body transformation martial art was remarkably formidable. This was considered a priceless treasure to those tiger-type Demonic Beasts. It could not believe that the glowing bamboo strip in Little Marten’s claw is actually the legendary martial art.

Little Marten paid no attention to the greatly astonished Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger and threw the glowing bamboo strip to the tiger. Upon seeing this, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger hastily caught the glowing bamboo strip and the glowing bamboo strip then materialized into an enormous amount of information that flowed straight into the tiger’s mind.

“This is indeed the Dark Abyss Tiger’s body transformation martial art,” the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger’s eyes shone brightly as the amazing information disseminated in his mind.

“Lunkhead, hand over the Heavenly Devil Tiger Bone now,” Little Marten darted a glance at the delighted Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger and pouted slightly. Although this martial art might not be exceptionally powerful amongst the species of the Dark Abyss Tiger, it was still a prized treasure to the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger.

Having heard the words, a tinge of hesitation swiped across the eyes of the overjoyed Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger. Then, it mumbled, “So this martial art can only increase my success rate by thirty percent?”

Little Marten narrowed its eyes with disdain and the tone of its voice turned flat, “Lunkhead, my patience for you is going to run out soon. There hasn’t been anyone in this world who refuses to comply after receiving benefits from me.”

As these words hung in the air, Little Marten suddenly took a step forward and levitated in mid-air. A faint enormous shadow formed behind its body. That shadow’s wings, which were so gigantic that they could cover the heaven and earth, began to flap lightly. An aura that made the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger trembled in compliance propagated through the area silently.

“Celest... Celestial Demon Marten!”

The Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger stared at the gigantic shadow behind Little Marten in horror and its body broke out in a cold all of a sudden. Clearly, it was no stranger to this species, which would even be considered as the elite in Demon City.

“Lord Celestial Demon Marten, please do not be angry. I shall bring forth the Heavenly Devil Tiger Bone to you now!” However, this Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger was quick-witted. The tiger knew that Little Marten was infuriated by looking at the latter’s appearance and it did not dare to procrastinate any further. It then

swiftly rushed into its cave.

“Tsk.”

Seeing the back view of the frightened tiger, Little Marten withdrew the humongous shadow and the terrifying aura was gone with it as well. Little Marten smirked and seemed proud of itself as it returned to Lin Dong’s shoulder, “Did you see this? This is the mightiness of Grandpa Marten. Now, you should know how domineering and scary the race of Celestial Demon Marten are?”

Lin Dong spread his hands and paid no notice to the pompous fellow and set his gaze at the cave entrance. Soon, a urgent and heavy footsteps could be heard. After a while, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger reappeared. However, this time around, there was a thirty-metres huge, black-coloured skeleton on the tiger’s shoulder.

Boom!

The black skeleton was solidly placed on the ground and in that instant, the entire valley trembled a little. Even Lin Dong was shaken by that impressive weight. Then, he threw a scrutinising look at the skeleton.

The skeleton was wholly pitch-black and flickered with a metallic lustre as if it was made of black steel. Even though only a set of tiger bones was left, there was still an aura of dominance and ferocity emitting from deep within the bones.

Under the diffusion of the such overwhelming aura, even the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger could not help but to retreat a few steps away. Its eyes were flashing with zealousness and reluctance as it stared at the tiger bones.

Lin Dong clicked his tongue twice. Based on the shape of the skeleton, he could make a rough judgement of the beast's appearance when it was still alive. It was indeed the shape of a tiger. Imagined if the Heavenly Demonic Tiger was still alive, how overbearing and mind-trembling its aura would be. The Heavenly Demonic Tiger's reputation as one of the three great tiger-types Demonic Beasts was not undeserving indeed.

Little Marten landed on top of the Heavenly Demonic Tiger's skeleton but it did not cower under the influence of the overbearing aura exuded by the skeleton. It then pat on the bones with its claws and nodded his head at Lin Dong, acknowledging, "This is indeed the Heavenly Demonic Tiger's bone."

Having heard Little Marten's acknowledgement, Lin Dong deeply heaved a sigh of relief. Finally, he had gotten it and with this, Little Flame could attain the Nirvana stage and leave its beast-form.

Lin Dong bent down and examined the set of skeleton. Under the reluctant gaze of the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger, Lin Dong swung his sleeve and kept the skeleton in his Qiankun bag.

"Haha, thanks a lot for this gift." Knowing that the tiger's skeleton was in his hands, Lin Dong felt rather jovial and laughed at the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger, who was still glaring at him.

The Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger laughed bitterly as it shook his head. However, when it thought about the martial art that he had just obtained, it felt a little less gloomier. Given Celestial Demon Marten's status, the tiger knew that the former would not toy around with it. Hence, it seems like this martial art should be legitimate.

"We still have other things to do, so we shall not stay any further. Mate, I think that you should leave this place as well. Those guys earlier on will not give up so easily," Once Lin Dong obtained the thing he needed, he did not have any intentions to stay on.

"Alright."

The Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger nodded his head. Even though it intended to kill Chen Mo and his gang, it also understood that he was not on the winning side in term of numbers and he alone could not contend against them. It seemed like it had to retreat to those secluded inner sanctums of the mountain to train peacefully. Until the day it became stronger, then could it tore through space and time to leave the Ancient Battlefield.

"Take care."

Lin Dong bidded farewell to the tiger and with a jolt of his body, he flew out of the beast valley. At the same time, Little Marten materialized in a red glow and went back into Lin Dong's body.

Looking at the back of Lin Dong who was now far away, the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger heaved a sigh of relief. The aura exuded by Little Marten made him feel somewhat unbearable. It was the kind of condescending oppression that a superior exerted on an inferior.

“The legendary Celestial Demon Marten is indeed scary.....”

Chapter 481: Fusing The Tiger Bones

After leaving the beast valley, Lin Dong did not immediately leave the depths of the mountain. Instead, he flew towards the inner sanctum of the mountain range that were inaccessible to outsiders. Little Flame was going to fuse with the Heavenly Demonic Tiger's bones and use this to attack Nirvana stage. When that moment arrived, it would definitely attract a lot of attention. Therefore, these remoted areas would be the most suitable.

After flying towards the inner sanctum of the mountain range for a few hours, Lin Dong gradually decided on his destination. Finally, he landed on an enormous and steep mountain peak.

The mountain reached up till ten thousand metres tall and it was bolted upright, making it extremely steep. Clouds and mist surrounded the mountain summit, making it hard for one to observe what was going on atop it.

“Here's the place.”

Lin Dong's figure landed on the mountain summit. After glancing around the area, he then nodded his head with satisfactory. With a pull of his sleeves, Little Flame leapt out from within.

At the same time, Little Marten leisurely appeared. It then casted a glance at Little Flame and said, “Stupid tiger, Grandpa Marten knows that you already possessed some level of spiritual intelligence now. Therefore, I want to explain clearly to you that

even though you possess a transforming physique, your bloodline is far too mediocre and it even pales in comparison to the Mighty Earthshaking Tiger's. Hence, it will be quite dangerous for you to fuse with the Heavenly Demonic Tiger's bones."

Upon hearing these words, Li Dong's facial expression changed slightly. It seemed like he wanted to say something though he did not do so eventually. Little Flame was merely an ordinary Fire Python Tiger and if it were not for its rare transforming physique, it could not have reached this level in its entire lifetime.

"Your bloodline is far too mediocre. Even if you possess the rare transforming physique, due to your bloodline, your ability is severely limited. Thus, if you really want to be more powerful, you will have to take this risk. Otherwise, I think that it's better for Lin Dong to send you back to the Great Yan Empire in the future. The outside world is far too dangerous and you are not powerful enough. Therefore, you will only be a deadweight to Lin Dong if you continue to follow him," Little Marten said indifferently.

Little Flame's tiger eyes were shimmering gently. Clearly, it understood what Little Marten had meant. Following which, Little Flame's gaze stopped on Lin Dong and then, it let out a deep and low roar

Even though Lin Dong could not understand the meaning behind Little Flame's roar, he could sense the decision that Little Flame had made. Soon after, he heaved a deep breath and looked at Little Marten and said, "Let's do it. I will have to leave it to you."

"Heh, as a matter of fact, this stupid tiger is rather brave. That's

good too. If you can pass through this ordeal, you shall undergo a metamorphosis,” Little Marten chuckled. Soon after, Little Marten’s eyes became gradually sombre and it nodded its head slowly.

Boom!

Lin Dong waved his sleeves before the pitch-black, black metal-like Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bones landed heavily on the floor. Meanwhile, a faint tyrannical aura pervaded the air.

“To fuse the Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bones into its body, we must first take out its bones. In a nutshell, we need to remove the original tiger bones. This step is rather dangerous as a slight mistake would destroy its bones and kill the beast,” Little Marten warned with a low voice as it looked at the intimidating Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bones.

“Lin Dong, two hundred thousand Nirvana pills!”

Upon hearing Little Marten’s yell, Lin Dong tossed out his Qiankun bag without any hesitations. Immediately, numerous perfectly round and fiery Nirvana pills whizzed through the air and became a huge energy current that gathered at the mountain peak. As the Nirvana Qi diffused through the air, the entire mountain seemed to be blazing with flames all of a sudden.

“Nirvana Flames, freeze!”

Little Marten's hand-seal began to change. Numerous purplish-dark light beams shot out of its claws and went right through the huge energy current that was made up of the Nirvana Qi.

Boom boom!

As the light beams entered, the energy current suddenly became warped. In a flash, scarlet flames erupted from the energy current. Meanwhile, under the burning of the intense flames, even the space of nothingness showed signs of distortion.

“Little Flame, if you can't endure this step, you won't be able to proceed with the rest of the procedure,” Little Marten said with a grave look on its face. With a swipe of its claw, the Nirvana Flames swoop down and engulfed Little Flame's body.

Creak creak!

As the Nirvana Flames engulfed Little Flame's body, Lin Dong could see with his own eyes that the scale armour on the latter's body melted in an instant.

Roar!

A mournful roar came out from the raging Nirvana Flames and resounded throughout the mountain range.

Lin Dong looked at the intense Nirvana Flames, where Little Flame was struggling frantically, without batting an eyelid.

Indistinctly, Lin Dong could see that Little Flame's body was becoming increasingly distorted under the blazing flames. It was as if its flesh were cooked into a liquid-like state.

The mournful roar continued for around ten minutes before gradually fading away. However, this did not mean that the pain was over. It was merely because Little Flame's mouth was being burned away and it could no longer roar.

Within the raging Nirvana Flames, Little Flame's body was gradually becoming a ball of badly mangled flesh. If it were not for the weak signal of life that Lin Dong could still sense, he would have thought that Little Flame had already lost its life.

“Take out the tiger bones!”

A fierce look swiped across Little Marten's eyes. As Little Marten stretched forwards its claws, the purplish-dark light beams materialized into a huge hand. The hand reached into the Nirvana Flames and pierced right through the ball of bloody mess and then made a ferocious tug.

Whoosh!

A set of death-pale, slightly warped tiger bones was ripped out from the ball of flesh by Little Marten!

As Lin Dong saw this scene, his body trembled involuntarily and both his palms were tightly clenched. He could feel the terrifying

agony that Little Flame was going through at this moment.

The sight of burning body and removing of bones would make ordinary people trembled with fear. Yet this situation was actually being displayed by Little Flame now.

“Lin Dong, the Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bones!” Little Marten’s sombreness was intimidating and at the same time, its yell rang across Lin Dong’s ears.

“Bang!

Lin Dong fiercely clenched his teeth and blasted his palm onto the Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bones. Accompanied by a metallic-like sound, the bones flew straight into the Nirvana Flames.

At the moment when the Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bones entered the Nirvana Flames, the ball of mangled flesh wiggled frantically as it had sensed something. Following which, the flesh entwined with the bones bit by bit.

Bang bang grumble!

As the flesh entwined with the Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bones, the latter emitted a dark radiance that attempted to bounce off the flesh completely. Even so, the flesh still persevered unremittingly in entwining with the bones like a sticky candy.

“The Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s bones still contained the

Heavenly Demonic Tiger's imprint. This will resist the fusion with Little Flame. However, there's nothing much we can do and it solely depends on Little Flame to overcome it itself," Little Marten said as it wiped off the sweat on its forehead and stared at the Nirvana Flames.

"Furthermore, Little Flame's Demonic Spirit is integrated with its flesh. However, it can stay in this state for only an hour. If it can't fuse with the Heavenly Demonic Tiger's bones within an hour, it will lose its life."

Lin Dong nodded his head silently. Then, he sat down cross-leggedly and stared at the flames without batting an eyelid. His heartbeat quickened unconsciously as well.

The fight between the flesh and the tiger bones continued for nearly half an hour in the intense flames. As time passed, Lin Dong's eyes were getting increasingly bloodshot. This made Little Marten shook its head helplessly. It had never seen Lin Dong losing control of his emotions like this after knowing the latter for so long.

Another ten minutes passed and soon, an hour would have passed. Finally, Lin Dong could help but stood up and nervously paced to and fro.

Gong!

Lin Dong's footsteps stopped and he raised his head abruptly. Then, he scurried forward and threw his hands into the Nirvana

Flames involuntarily. He knew that if this dragged on any further, Little Flame might really lose its life on the spot!

“Boom!”

However, just as Lin Dong’s hands were about to make contact with the Nirvana Flames, the raging Nirvana Flames expanded abruptly. That impact pushed Lin Dong backward several steps.

“Don’t be rash, Lin Dong!”

Little Marten appeared in front of Lin Dong and stared tightly at the Nirvana Flames. It seemed that the fight within the flames had stopped. Vaguely, an enormous creature could be seen standing silently in the midst of the flames. A fearsome aura, which was numerous times stronger than the Heavenly Demonic Tiger’s a few days ago, swept across the area. It was as if a prehistoric beast had awoken!

“Did we succeed?” Lin Dong’s eye pupils dilated as he sensed the exceedingly fearsome aura.

“Roar!”

Under the attentives gazes from Lin Dong and Little Marten, within the Nirvana Flames, the enormous creature raised its head and let out a deafening tiger roar that echoed through the air.

As the spine-chilling and powerful tiger roar echoed through the

air, numerous Demonic Beasts in the mountain range trembled with fear and trepidation.

“The might of the Heavenly Demonic Tiger!” Little Marten muttered as elation gushed through its eyes.

The tiger roar majestically resounded through Heaven and Earth. Following which, the raging Nirvana Flames pour frantically into the body of the enormous creature as if it was being attracted to something. At the same time, the hovering energy current transformed into blazing Nirvana Qi and descended in a steady flow. Finally, these Nirvana Qi were completely devoured by that enormous creature!

“This stupid tiger is preparing to attack the Nirvana stage....” Little Marten laughed as it saw this scene. From its laughter, it seemed that Little Marten had a load off its mind.

Thump.

Lin Dong dropped his body and sat back onto the ground. His heavy heart had finally settled down.

Chapter 482: Little Flame after Metamorphosis

Boom boom!

Scarlet red flames burst out from the flood of Nirvana pills like giant scarlet red dragons before being continuously absorbed by the humongous figure on the mountaintop below.

Currently, the mountaintop was shaking as if there was an earthquake due to the powerful aftershocks, while an astonishing pressure continuously seeped out from the humongous figure.

In the face of this berserk Nirvana Qi, even Lin Dong retreated several steps as he solemnly watched this scene. Although the rate at which Little Flame absorbed Nirvana Qi could not compare to himself, who possessed the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, this speed had already far surpassed some Nirvana practitioners!

Moreover, due to Little Flame's alarming rate of absorption, the flood formed from two hundred thousand Nirvana pills shrunk at a rate which could be seen with the naked eye.

“This fellow has such a good appetite.....”

While he watched the quickly disappearing Nirvana pill flood, Lin Dong could not help but slowly inhale.

“When it breaks through to the Nirvana stage, the Nirvana Qi will temper it, allowing its blood and flesh to better fuse with the Heavenly Devil Tiger Bone. In the future, this fellow will be like a carp leaping through the dragon’s gate, transforming directly from an ordinary Fire Python Tiger into a Heavenly Devil Tiger!” Little Marten grinned as it observed the situation and explained.

“Of course, this is not full story. It should be a Heavenly Devil Tiger that posses a Transforming Physique! Tch tch, I truly wonder what level this stupid tiger will be able to reach.”

Lin Dong smiled a little as his clenched fist slowly relaxed. He felt particularly happy as he watched the rebirth of this companion who had accompanied him for many years.

Attacking the Nirvana stage was obviously not something that could be completed in a short time. Even with Little Flame undergoing a metamorphosis, it still took a whole day before completely absorbing the Nirvana Qi formed from two hundred thousand Nirvana pills.

In addition, after absorbing the two hundred thousand Nirvana pills, Little Flame’s breakthrough was clearly still not fully complete. Upon seeing this, Lin Dong immediately tossed out another three hundred thousand Nirvana pills. Such a huge amount caused Little Marten to make a little noise, Lin Dong only had about one and a half million Nirvana pills which he had practically risked his life for, yet, he had fished out almost a third of it just for Little Flame. Even practitioners from various high rank empires would find it difficult to enjoy such a luxury.

“Haha, as long as this fellow can absorb it all, giving all my remaining Nirvana pills to him will not be a problem.” When he heard Little Marten grumble, Lin Dong merely laughed as he declared.

For the sake of becoming stronger and staying by his side, Little Flame had endured even the pain of extracting its bones. How could his contribution of merely Nirvana pills compare?

“Let us see exactly what this fellow will transform into next.....” Little Marten lazily said before raising its head as the burning scarlet flames reflected in its eyes.

After Lin Dong once again cast in three hundred thousand Nirvana pills, Little Flame clearly possessed enough Nirvana Qi again. To absorb such an enormous amount of Nirvana Qi, it used an entire three days and nights.

After three full days, Little Flame’s body was now completely engulfed by Nirvana fire.

While its body was as still as a statue within the flames, terrifying undulations that were hammered into shape by the raging inferno stealthily spread outwards.

When dawn of the fourth day embraced the mountain range, the vast flood of Nirvana pills had already become extremely sparse, while the Nirvana fire that enveloped the enormous figure had also weakened substantially. Evidently, the three hundred thousand Nirvana pills had already been thoroughly absorbed by Little

Flame.

Lin Dong silently sat on a rock atop the mountain peak. His unblinking gaze was glued onto the figure within the flames. Over the past four days, his eyes had not rested for even a moment, but not only was he not the least bit tired, there was instead an extremely intense expectation and curiosity in his eyes.

“Boom!”

Nirvana fire soared into the air as the enormous figure within seemed to tremble violently before suddenly raising its head. As it opened its huge mouth, the remaining Nirvana pills and Nirvana fire in the sky was completely devoured by it.

As the last wisps of Nirvana fire was swallowed into its body, the enormous figure finally clearly appeared before Lin Dong's and Little Marten's eyes.

It was a giant tiger that was pitch-black like ink. When the rays of the sun shined upon its body, it gave off a metallic lustre. Humongous black wings were folded on its back while the squirming feathers on them seemed to flicker with an icy cold glint that was as sharp as the edge of a blade. In the face of this icy cold glint, even Nirvana stage practitioners would shiver.

Moreover, its tiger eyes that appeared pitch-black faintly seemed to give off an endless aura of brutality.

It was just like a peerless ferocious tiger from a savage land!

Roar!

The giant black tiger roared at the sky, resulting in an almost solid sound wave sweeping outwards. Immediately, the mountain peak split apart, forming an enormous crack.

At the same time, a ferocious and vigorous to the extreme aura suddenly exploded from its body. The aura was one that had truly reached the Nirvana stage!

Evidently, Little Flame had advanced to the Nirvana stage!

“Success!” Astonishing delight abruptly shot out from Lin Dong’s eyes. Little Flame had finally reached the Nirvana stage!

Just as the delighted Lin Dong was about to stand up, the giant black tiger that Little Flame had transformed into did not immediately pounce over, but instead roared at Lin Dong before sitting down like a human. Meanwhile, Lin Dong felt an undulation that made even his scalp feel numb abruptly spread out from Little Flame’s body.

The instant this undulation spread outwards, Little Flame’s metallic black body strangely turned scarlet red, while plumes of white smoke constantly emerged from its body.

Creak.

The surface of the mountain peak started to dry up at an alarming rate. Numerous cracks spread out as the forest on the mountain peak instantly wilted.

“What’s going on?” As he watched Little Flame, Lin Dong’s expression immediately changed as he urgently asked.

“This fellow.” Little Marten was also shocked for a moment, before it solemnly watched the now seated Little Flame and muttered, “It’s actually starting the Nirvana Tribulation, it plans to pass the Nirvana Tribulation!”

“What?!” Lin Dong’s body violently trembled, clearly greatly alarmed by this. He shouted in a low voice, “What is this brat doing! How can it dare to so carelessly attempt the Nirvana Tribulation!”

The Nirvana Tribulation was the greatest fear of Nirvana practitioners. Among those of the Nirvana stage, more than fifty percent fell not in battle, but during the Nirvana Tribulation. Every Nirvana Tribulation was extremely terrifying and the slightest slip would cause all of one’s cultivation to be completely destroyed, causing one had to everything transform into dust.

Thus, this explained why Lin Dong’s expression had turned so grim when he heard that Little Flame dared to challenge the Nirvana Tribulation immediately after reaching the Nirvana stage,

“No need to be so worried. This stupid tiger has fused with the

Heavenly Devil Tiger bone and it is likely the remnant energy within the tiger bone that forced it to start the Nirvana Tribulation. However, this is good. Since the Nirvana Tribulation was initiated from within, if it successfully passes, it will be able to perfectly fuse with the Heavenly Devil Tiger bone and no longer face the tiniest bit of rejection.” Little Marten’s twinkled in thought as it explained.

“When this fellow advanced to the Nirvana stage, its intelligence had also greatly increased. If it knew that it had no chance, it would not dare to be so reckless. In any case, there is no point in worrying now, let’s just wait and see.” In the end, Little Marten helplessly sighed. Evidently, the development of this situation was out of its expectations.

Lin Dong’s eyebrows were tightly knitted together and could only gravely nod his head. He lifted his head as he watched the now scarlet red Little Flame, while his originally calmed down heart started to thud violently once again.

In the next half a day, the terrifyingly hot undulations from Little Flame’s body grew stronger and stronger. In the end, even Lin Dong and Little Marten could not longer endure and were forced to withdraw from the hundred foot radius around the mountain peak.

Only when they exited the mountain peak did they realise that all the trees within a hundred foot radius of the peak had withered completely, an extremely spectacular sight.

“The Nirvana Tribulation is indeed frightening. No wonder

Nirvana practitioners view it as if it were a peerless beast.” Lin Dong could not help but mutter when he saw this sight.

Although he had yet to personally experience it, just thinking about how much destruction such terrifying undulations exploding from within his body could cause was enough to make him feel fearful.

The terrifying undulations from the mountain peak lasted for a whole half a day. Only when the night slowly started to creep across the land did Lin Dong finally sense the terrifying undulations begin to swiftly disperse.

“Is the Nirvana Tribulation over?”

When he sensed this, Lin Dong’s instantly became alert as he hastily cast his gaze towards the mountaintop. Due to the high temperature, the mountaintop was covered in mist, and for a time, nothing could be clearly seen.

Boom!

The moment Lin Dong cast his gaze towards the mountaintop, a heavy thud echoed out from the thick white mist. Almost immediately after, Lin Dong watched as a figure slowly walked out from the white mists.....

Chapter 483: Three Brothers

Thick white mist spread outwards from the top of the mountain, however, Lin Dong's eyes were tightly locked onto the figure who was awkwardly walking out of the white mist with heavy footsteps.

The figure was fairly muscular and his black skin made him look exactly like a steel tower. Merely standing there made others feel a pressuring aura that caused one's breathing to turn ragged.

Looking at this figure, his face looked pretty dull. However, upon closer inspection, one would realize that this face actually vaguely resembled Lin Dong.

The atmosphere on the mountain peak seemed to have frozen while Lin Dong blankly stared at the sturdy figure standing at the edge of the cliff. Moments later, he finally opened his somewhat dry mouth and said, "Little Flame?"

When that black steel tower-like figure heard that name, it's originally dull and black eyes suddenly lit up. Following which, he unblinkingly stared at Lin Dong, scratching his head as if he was trying to say something. However, in the end, only the sound of exhaling came out. Nonetheless, Lin Dong still managed to clearly witness the sudden surge of enthusiasm in his eyes.

"Tch, finally left its beast form..." Little Marten smiled and said, somewhat surprised as it stared at the Little Flame who had now completely broken away from its beast form.

Lin Dong stared curiously at Little Flame's body, before he asked, "Why can't Little Flame speak yet?"

"Even though he currently possesses an intellect that would not lose out to humans, it would take time for him to adapt before he can speak." Little Marten rolled its eyes.

Lin Dong was delighted as he floated forward and stood right next to Little Flame. Standing beside Little Flame, his head only managed to reach the latter's waist. Meanwhile, the pressure and formidable aura emerging from Little Flame's body caused his breathing to turn slightly ragged.

"Mast...."

Little Flame stared at Lin Dong as a silly grin revealed itself. Following which, it kneeled down before an extremely deep yet raw voice clumsily emerged from his lips.

"Master my ass" When Lin Dong saw this, he chose to gently chide Little Flame as he lightly patted Little Flame's steel-like head, "In future, you shall be called Lin Yan. Since I was the one who brought you up, call me big brother."

Little Flame scratched his head. Now that it possessed genuine intellect, it could clearly detect the heartfelt joy within Lin Dong's words and expression. Immediately, a slightly hideous smile appeared on his dull face as he solemnly nodded his head.

“Bi... big brother.”

Lin Dong was all smiles as he pointed at the tiny rider on his shoulders and said, “This is your second brother.”

Little Marten, who was originally folding its arms and enjoying the show, was stunned by Lin Dong’s sudden words. Immediately, all the hair on it’s body stood up as a high pitched voice sounded out, “Get lost, who is the second brother of this stupid tiger. How dare a mere kid like you claim to be the big brother? You actually dare to rank yourself above this grandpa Marten? Are you tired of living!”

“Even though you proclaim yourself to be grandpa Marten, I know that in the Celestial Demon Marten clan, your age should be about the same as mine.” Lin Dong casually said. After being together for so many years, he knew Little Marten very well. This fellow liked to exaggerate his accomplishments and experiences. However, some of its actions would occasionally reveal the truth.

Even though Lin Dong did not deny that Little Marten had lived for a long time, Celestial Demon Martens had a long lifespan. Therefore, within their clan, someone like Little Marten was perhaps only a teenager.

“Second brother.”

Nonetheless, Little Flame took no notice of Little Marten’s vigorous resistance. In his heart, he felt absolute loyalty and

kinship to Lin Dong, who had raised him since he was a tiger cub. Therefore, Little Flame would not object to anything Lin Dong said.

Little Marten, who was objecting to Lin Dong's arrangement in a shrilly voice, turned silent after Little Flame spoke. Meanwhile, a special glint seemed to flashed across its normally crafty eyes.

"Two idiots." Little Marten pursed its lips before it viciously swore. However, surprisingly, it did not speak anymore.

Lin Dong smiled. From a certain perspective, the three of them had quite a deep bond. To Little Flame, Lin Dong was perhaps like a master and a father, whereas for Little Marten, Lin Dong was a tutor and a friend. The three of them had relied on one another since their time at Qingyang Town and had experienced numerous trials together before they finally charged out of the Great Yan Empire. Furthermore, Lin Dong believed that this was not the end for them. In future, there would eventually be legendary tales belonging to them.

"Put on some clothes first Little Flame." Lin Dong retrieved a fairly large black robe from his Qiankun bag before tossing it over to Little Flame. The latter quickly caught it and even though he was somewhat clumsy, he eventually managed to put on the black robe.

After wearing his clothes, Little Flame stood beside Lin Dong like a steel tower. It's tall and powerful body had a strong deterring effect. In fact, even the Blood Soul Puppet was slightly lacking in comparison.

Of course, based on Little Flame's current strength, even the Blood Soul Puppet would have difficulties facing him. After he successfully survived a Nirvana Tribulation, Little Flame had advanced to the One Yuan Nirvana stage. In fact, this speed was considerably faster than Lin Dong. Although it was in part due to the Heavenly Devil Tiger Bone, his progress would still make many envious.

"Kid, where do you plan to go next?" Little Marten lazily asked. Even though it did not object to Little Flame calling it second brother, it was practically impossible for this prideful fellow to call Lin Dong big brother.

"Heh, of course we are going to open that Mysterious Ancient Treasure Trove!" The corners of Lin Dong's mouth gently lifted. In another ten days, it would be the perfect time to unlock the Mysterious Ancient Treasure Trove. How could he possibly miss this opportunity?

"I am afraid the Devil Cliff Empire will be there already..." Little Marten slyly smiled as it said.

"Devil Cliff Empire? Do I still need to fear them?" Lin Dong chuckled. Now that Little Flame had successfully survived a Nirvana Tribulation, Lin Dong had two powerful companions who could rival a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner. This lineup would be considered quite powerful even among the high rank empires. Hence, even though it would still be a stretch for him to wipe out the Devil Cliff Empire, if they dared to mess with him, Lin Dong would show them exactly what a steel board was!

The current him no longer feared the Devil Cliff Empire. In fact, he was even a little eager to meet them again. He could already imagine how interesting Shi Xuan's expression would be.

“Though Little Flame has survived a Nirvana Tribulation, it has not adapted to this body and it will take some time before he can fight against those powerful practitioners. However, since this stupid tiger has addressed me as second brother, grandpa Marten will not let you down.” Little Marten waved its claws as a black glowing scroll appeared in its hands before it tossed it towards Little Flame.

“This martial arts is a treasure of the Heavenly Devil Tiger Clan, the Heavenly Devil God Transformation. This cannot be compared to the garbage I previously gave to the Mighty Earthsplitting Tiger. If you successfully master it, heh, you will be able to obtain a place for yourself even in Demon City.”

Little Flame stretched out his palm and grabbed the glowing tube. A peculiar black glow surrounded the glowing tube, while a deep tiger roar could be faintly heard. Obviously, it was no ordinary object. Nonetheless, even though Little Flame fancied this item, he did not take it immediately. Instead, he instinctively turned towards Lin Dong.

“It's rare for second brother to be so generous, so just accept it. He has never given me something so good before.” Lin Dong smiled as he said.

“Most of the things I have are for Demonic Beast cultivation and you cannot use them. Furthermore, you cannot become a truly powerful practitioner by relying on others.” Little Marten stretched, a playful glint flashing across its eyes as it said, “However, if you are willing to swap positions, perhaps I will give you something good.”

Lin Dong grinned. This fellow was truly persistent about titles. Looks like it was exactly as he had predicted, this fellow was not a senior figure in the Celestial Demon Marten clan at all...

“Right now, Little Flame still lacks a weapon. When we enter the Mysterious Ancient Treasure Trove, let’s see if we can find him a Heavenly Soul Treasure...” Lin Dong ignored Little Marten as he turned to Little Flame and said.

“Weapon... I have one.”

When he heard Lin Dong’s words, Little Flame foolishly grinned. Promptly, he reached out with his large hand as a black glow quickly accumulated in his palm, transforming into a black pole that was thicker than Lin Dong’s thigh.

It was hard to tell what material that pole made of. Upon closer inspection, it seemed as if there were layers of black scales scattered across the pole. Meanwhile, the head of the pole was as sharp as a spear and it looked like an open snake’s mouth. With sharp fangs hidden within, it gave off a cold and menacing glint.

This was a fairly unique snake pole.

“This should be a Destiny Soul Treasure that Little Flame refined using his cut off tail. Hehe, I never expected that he would possess this ability after surviving a single Nirvana Tribulation. Typically speaking, only Demonic Beasts that have survived more than three Nirvana Tribulations possess the ability to refine Soul Treasures from a part of their body.” Little Marten exclaimed in shock.

“These Destiny Soul Treasures will become increasingly powerful as their strength increases. It is practically a growth-type Soul Treasure!”

Shock filled Lin Dong’s face. He could feel an exceedingly great pressure from the pitch-black snake pole. In fact, this sensation did not lose out to his Heavy Prison Peak or his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear. Furthermore, the raw ingredients used to refine this snake pole was originally a part of Little Flame’s body. Therefore, it would be very natural to use, allowing it to be extremely powerful.

“Looks like we can forget about getting you a weapon. Oh well, it’s time to make a move. I am curious to find out what the Devil Cliff Empire can do to me now!”

Lin Dong smiled as he spread out his hands. Following which, he immediately turned around and headed towards the outskirts of the mountain range. Behind him, Little Flame’s body flashed and quickly followed like a bodyguard.

Chapter 484: Ancient Palace

As there were still ten days till the opening of the Mysterious Ancient Treasure Trove, Lin Dong and gang were not overly hurried like before. Furthermore, he wanted to give Little Flame time to adjust to his new body, hence their speed slowed significantly. All in all, they spent three to four days on the road before they finally arrived at the most crowded area in the Ancient Lands, the Ancient Palace.

Even though it was called a palace, what stood there was a large and spacious city. It was said that in the past, this was the headquarters of a super sect, thus, the scale of this city was truly breathtaking.

Furthermore, this was the place to unlock the Mysterious Ancient Treasure Trove. Therefore, nearly every decent empire in the Northwest region had rushed here. As such, the atmosphere in the city could not be described by mere words.

Lin Dong and his party landed on a mountain peak outside the Ancient Palace. When they lifted their heads and saw the swarms of black-bobbing figures flying across the sky, even with their mental fortitude, they involuntarily sucked in a breath of cold air. Had the Ancient Palace attracted nearly sixty to seventy percent of the entire population in the Northwest region?

“The allure of the Mysterious Ancient Treasure Trove is truly terrifying. There are so many empires.” Lin Dong was shocked as he stared at this sight. This city was extremely huge and Yang City paled in comparison. However, it still gave the feel of being packed

with people and there were many presences even in the city outskirts plus the surrounding forests. Evidently, the number of people here had far exceeded the city's capacity.

Little Flame's muscular body stood behind Lin Dong like a black metal tower. An instinctive vigilant and fearsome glint flashed within his deep black eyes as they scanned the passing crowd. Even though he had left his beast form, that habits he was born with were evidently not going to be erased so easily.

"Let's go Little Flame. Time to enter the city." Lin Dong smiled before he promptly leapt off the mountain cliff and headed for the massive Ancient Palace.

Behind Lin Dong, Little Flame nodded his head as he quickly followed behind. Over the past few days, he had already started to cultivate the 'Heavenly Devil God Transformation' that Little Marten had given to him. Therefore, he had gradually gained increased mastery over his body and his footsteps were extreme precise. Every step was of the same distance and he was never more than ten feet away from Lin Dong. Within this radius, he had absolute confidence that he could handle anything situation that arose. Even if they encountered a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner, no harm would befall Lin Dong under his watch.

The Ancient Palace was extremely huge and had a total of eight doors. However, there was still a large number of people flooding in. As he watched the long queue, Lin Dong naturally did not want to anger the crowd. Hence, Little Flame and him could only silently follow behind.

“In a few days, we will be able to open the Ancient Treasure Trove. I’ve heard that this treasure trove is truly remarkable and it was actually left behind by a super sect. If we can obtain a little something from it, we can definitely stand out in the ancient battlefield.”

“Oh please, do you think it is going to be so easy? Take a look at the number of people who are attracted by this Ancient Treasure Trove. There are even countless high rank empires here as well. If you are not capable, don’t even dream about those treasures.”

“Furthermore, don’t think that these are all the competitors you will face. Who knows if there are others lurking in the dark? Disregarding ourselves, perhaps even powerful empires like the Devil Cliff Empire and Prehistoric Empire, whom have also obtained the Mysterious Ancient Key, will not dare to guarantee that they will return with a full haul.”

While Lin Dong quietly stood in the queue, he furrowed his brows when he heard the idle talk around him. It seems like this trip to the Mysterious Ancient Treasure Trove was going to be a arduous journey.

“Right now, the three empires who have a Mysterious Ancient Key, the Devil Cliff Empire, Prehistoric Empire and Death Valley Empire, have already arrived at the Ancient Palace. However, it is said that the individual who has the final key, Lin Dong, has yet to show up.”

“Heh, I wonder if that kid will dare to show up. Have you seen the posters on the wall? The Devil Cliff Empire has raised the

bounty on his head to one million Nirvana pills. Furthermore, he possesses a Mysterious Ancient Key. He will surely be in a dire situation once he shows his face. That fellow is truly unfortunate, like the saying goes, an innocent man will get in trouble because of his fortune. Since he dared to snatch the Mysterious Ancient Key without the backing of a high rank empire, isn't he courting death?"

Lin Dong, who was leisurely eavesdropping on the conversations, was suddenly stunned. Evidently, he had never expected that the topic would turn to him. Immediately, he slightly narrowed his eyes as he looked towards the city wall. Sure enough, he saw that there was indeed a bounty poster there. Moreover, there was even a picture of him.

"One million Nirvana pills. It seems like the Devil Cliff Empire really has it out for me." When Lin Dong saw the reward offered, his lips gently curled as he muttered to himself. While Lin Dong muttered to himself, the atmosphere surrounding him suddenly froze. Immediately, all the chattering around him mysteriously vanished, before Lin Dong felt several people turn to stare at him. Promptly, their expressions changed from shock to excitement.

"It seems that we have been recognized..." Lin Dong stroked his face and muttered to himself, while everyone slowly distanced themselves.

"That fellow is Lin Dong."

Amidst the frenzied looks, a shocked voice suddenly rang out. Promptly, several pairs of eyes outside the citywall turned heated.

“Grab that kid and we can obtain one million Nirvana pills plus a Mysterious Ancient Key!” A few deep growls filled with greed sounded out.

Lin Dong furrowed his brows as he watched. It seems like the Devil Cliff Empire had truly caused much trouble for him.

“Get lost!” Just as the crowds jostled, a group of men finally walked out before they stared coldly at Lin Dong.

“It is the men from the Desert Empire, a high rank empire. It is reputed that their head has advanced to the Nirvana stage and is quite powerful.”

As that group of men walked out, a chorus sounded out in the crowd. It seemed like this so-called Desert Empire was fairly famous.

“Lin Dong, I do not need to capture you for the Nirvana pills. As long as you hand over the Mysterious Ancient Key, I will let you go. How about it?” The Nirvana stage practitioner from the Desert Empire stared at Lin Dong, before he stretched out his palm and said.

After he spoke, the several dozen men behind him immediately put on a threatening expression. Meanwhile, formidable Yuan Power shockwaves extended out from their bodies with the aim of intimidating Lin Dong.

Lin Dong had a slightly peculiar expression as he glanced at that group of men, before he shook his head helplessly. Following which, he chose to ignore them as he directly headed for the city.

When they saw Lin Dong completely disregarding them, the Nirvana stage Desert Empire practitioner's eyes instantly turned ice-cold. In the next instance, a venomous glint flashed across his eyes, before he coated his fist with potent Yuan Power and punched at Lin Dong's head.

Bang!

However, in the face of such a powerful attack, Lin Dong's footsteps were not disrupted at all. As he gently waved his palm, a crisp slap suddenly sounded out outside of the city.

Buzz Chh!

The instant that slap sounded out, a blood red palm print immediately appeared on the Nirvana stage practitioner's face. Instantly, a powerful force blew him away as he vomited out a mouthful of freshblood.

The chaotic city entrance instantly lapsed into silence. As the crowds stared at the sorry figure of the half-dead Nirvana stage practitioner lying on the ground, everyone stealthily sucked in breath of cold air. Most of them had finally regained their wits after being temporarily overwhelmed by the huge reward. After all, the man standing before them had successfully escaped from

the Devil Cliff Empire's Shi Xuan.

“If you want the Mysterious Ancient Key in my possession, someone of his calibre had better not step up. I will not be so merciful next time...” Lin Dong did not even glance at the Nirvana stage practitioner that he had swatted away, as he glanced at his surroundings and warned.

When they heard his words, several people's hearts shuddered and none of them dared to speak up. Of course, the Ancient Palace had already attracted a huge crowd and there were several powerful practitioners mixed in. Therefore, some obscure glances were secretly cast towards Lin Dong. It seems like many of them were curious to find out more about the man who had recently been the center of attention.

Lin Dong naturally detected those powerful yet obscure stares. Immediately, his eyes narrowed. Behind him, Little Flame who had yet to make a move, suddenly took a step forward. Instantly, a peculiar shockwave extended from his foot, following which, some groaning noises secretly sounded out and somewhat shocked gazes were cast at the Little Flame standing behind Lin Dong.

“Let's go. I have sensed the location of the other three Mysterious Ancient Keys and they should also have detected me as well. The Devil Cliff Empire should be in there too. Alright then, I am curious to find out what they can do to me.”

Lin Dong casually glanced at the hidden spots surrounding him. Without further ado, he lifted his head and headed for the inner regions of the Ancient Palace. There, he could detect the presence

of three of Mysterious Ancient Keys.

As his words faded, Lin Dong widened his footsteps as he directly walked into the city and headed towards the location of the three other Mysterious Ancient Keys.

This time around, he was going to directly confront the Devil Cliff Empire!

Chapter 485: Great Hall

The city known as Ancient Palace was extremely huge and magnificent. In fact, as Lin Dong walked towards it, the the feeling of grandeur from the city intensified to the limit.

Crowds travelled along the spacious streets while the buzz from the crowds gathered together before they shot into the sky and extended across the city.

After walking into the city, Lin Dong and Little Flame make any pit stops. Instead, they headed directly for the center of the city.

At the center of the city was an extremely magnificent palace and it was the most prominent building in the city. If one stood on top of it, one would be able to look over the entire city.

However, in contrast to other cities, the center of this city seemed fairly serene. Of course, this unique place was forbidden to most people from ordinary empires, and only Nirvana stage practitioners from high rank empires had the qualifications to enter, while the rest of them could only stare longingly from afar.

Perhaps because it was somewhat linked to the Mysterious Ancient Key, in the middle of the grand palace, Lin Dong could faintly feel three faint vibrations. Evidently, they were the three other factions who had obtained the Mysterious Ancient Key, the Death Valley Empire, Prehistoric Empire and Devil Cliff Empire.

Of course, this connection went both ways. Given the ability of

the leaders of these three empires, when he sensed them, they should have also detected the Mysterious Ancient Key in his possession as well.

Within this palace was a large golden hall. The interior of the large hall was extremely spacious and it seemed just like a stadium. Currently, there were several presences within the large hall, and their auras were all rather remarkable, clearly, they were no ordinary individuals.

The ones who could sit in this large hall were either famed practitioners or those who came from prominent empires in the southwest region of the ancient battlefield. Therefore, being able to obtain a spot in this large hall was a sign of power.

At the side of the large hall, three figures were seated. Faintly, extremely savage shockwaves rippled from their bodies.

The one sitting on the left was a big burly man who had tattoos all over the upper half of his body, and faintly, a wild aura emerged from him. As he quietly sat on his chair, he looked exactly like a savage beast and no one dared to underestimate him.

On the right was a lady wearing a dark purple dress. Her clean appearance, jet-black hair and slim figure made her a pretty sight in this large hall.

In between them was a fairly handsome man dressed in black. He wore a fairly congenial smile on his face, however, the cold glint that occasionally flashed across his eyes made one understand that

this man was no saint.

Behind the man in black was a fairly familiar figure. Deckered in white, he was indeed Shi Xuan, who had previously fought with Lin Dong. It clear that the former was naturally the true leader of Devil Cliff Empire, Shi Kun.

“It seems like the fourth owner of the Mysterious Ancient Key has finally shown up...”

In the large hall, Shi Kun suddenly lifted his head as the congenial smile on his face grew even wider, while his voice rang out in the large hall.

The large hall suddenly became much quieter. However, many people had an look of amusement in their eyes. The ones who could sit here were no push-overs and they naturally did not fear the Devil Cliff Empire unlike other empires.

There were only four Mysterious Ancient Keys and no one knew if these keys possessed other properties besides opening the Mysterious Ancient Treasure Trove. Nonetheless, if one had a Mysterious Ancient Key, the weight of their words would naturally grow. Therefore, everyone present here wanted a Mysterious Ancient Key.

Of course,all four Mysterious Ancient Keys currently had a owner, and it was not going to be easy to snatch the keys from the three high rank empires. The cost was simply too great, hence, most of their empires did not plot against them. Therefore, the

final Mysterious Ancient Key owner, Lin Dong, naturally became their prime target.

However, everyone here knew that Lin Dong had managed to escape unscathed from Shi Xuan. However, this fact did not deter them at all. After all, they were not your usual empires!

“Oh? Haha, I am curious to find out if that Lin Dong really has three heads and six limbs. To actually be capable of snatching the Mysterious Ancient Key from your Devil Cliff Empire.” The bare torso burly man seated beside Shi Kun curiously stared out of the large hall, while his laughter boomed like thunder.

“You deserve it. When your Devil Cliff Empire got wind about the Mysterious Ancient Key, you did not activate a large party in fear that we would interfere, and instead sent in a bunch of small fry. In the end, you allowed Lin Dong to take advantage of the situation...” The lady in a dark purple dress casually said.

The Prehistoric Empire and Death Valley Empire did not lose out to the Devil Cliff Empire. Therefore, they dared to speak without restraint.

“Hmph, that kid merely got lucky last time. If he did not rely on the Mysterious Ancient Key to escape, I would have directly captured him.” Beside Shi Kun, Shi Xuan said with an icy expression on his face.

“At first, I was worried that he would not have the guts to show up. However, I never expected him to be so daring. Since he has

shown up, it's time for him to return the key to its rightful owner." Towards the end, thick killing intent suddenly surfaced in Shi Xuan's eyes. Evidently, news of how Lin Dong managed to escape from him had spread across the entire city and it had ruined his reputation. Therefore, he had already secretly made up his mind to make Lin Dong experience a fate worse than death after he was captured.

"Hehe, your Devil Cliff Empire already has a Mysterious Ancient Key. Leave this one for the rest of us..." As Shi Xuan's words faded, a soft chuckle sounded out in the large hall.

Shi Xuan furrowed his brows and was just about to reply, however, Shi Kun waved his hands before he smiled and said, "Whoever can get rid of that kid shall be the new owner of the Mysterious Ancient Key."

"Haha, Brother Shi Kun is truly generous. Don't worry, that fellow's head will naturally belong to the Devil Cliff Empire. At that time, others will know the consequences of offending your Devil Cliff Empire."

Some of them laughed heartily. From their expressions, it looked like they believed capturing Lin Dong and obtaining the Mysterious Ancient Key would be a simple feat.

"Haha, seems like quite a number of you want my head..."

However, just as they were laughing, a soft laughter suddenly echoed from outside the large hall and slowly resounded within

the large hall.

The atmosphere in the large hall instantly froze, before several peculiar gazes turned towards the entrance.

The smile on Shi Kun's face did not change and it seemed like he had no intention of lifting his head to look. As he continued to play with the steel ball in his palm, a faint sinister smile hung on his lips.

“Lin Dong!” Behind Shi Kun, Shi Xuan's expression instantly darkened as he gnashed his teeth in anger.

The large burly man and lady in dark purple also lifted their heads, their gazes somewhat mocking as they stared at the entrance to the large hall. Didn't that fellow know that nearly everyone here was waiting for his arrival?

In their opinion, though Lin Dong was from a low rank Empire, the Great Yan Empire, he was quite courageous and insightful. However, he had a slightly exaggerated opinion of his own abilities.

Under the stares of the crowd and amidst the sunlight that shined down upon the entrance area, the sounds of footsteps could be heard. Moments later, two figures, one in front and one behind, slowly appeared in the large and spacious hall.

Swoosh!

The instant these two figures appeared, everyone's attention was instantly focused on them.

The ones who had walked into the large hall were naturally the Lin Dong duo. After he walked into the large hall, his attention was cast right at the man wearing black clothes, who was sitting in front of Shi Xuan. From the latter's body, he could sense a vibration that was even more powerful than Shi Xuan.

“Kid, we have waited a long time for you. Since you have shown up, surrender your Mysterious Ancient Key!”

The silent atmosphere in the large hall lasted for a few short moments, before everyone's eyes filled with greed. A man was a vigorous aura took the lead and stood up first. The vibrations that emerged from his body were pretty similar to Lei Shi. Evidently, this was also a person that had failed the first Nirvana Tribulation.

This man did things in a decisive fashion. Furthermore, he was keenly aware that there were others who were eyeing Lin Dong's Mysterious Ancient Key. Therefore, in his opinion, speed was of the essence. Hence, right after he spoke, his body had already leapt out as he punched out. Potent streams of Yuan Power transformed into fists as they rained down onto Lin Dong.

In the face of such a sudden attack, Lin Dong's expression did not change at all. As he waved his palm, a peculiar greyish black energy wrapped around his arm, before he gently waved it.

Boom!

A deep sound echoed out inside the large hall. Following which, the crowds were bewildered as they watched that elite practitioner, who had attacked first, easily blown away. His body tore a ditch that was over a dozen meters long on the ground before he finally stabilized himself.

Gasp.

A chorus of shocked exclamations stealthily passed through the large hall as some people's expressions gently changed. After all, some of them did not even possess the ability to send a Nirvana stage practitioner, who had failed a Nirvana Tribulation, flying with a single blow.

"I am not here to deliver the Mysterious Ancient Key. Rather, I want all of you to know that this Mysterious Ancient Key belongs to me. If any of you trying to mess with me..." Lin Dong gently clapped his hands, staring right at the Devil Cliff Empire as he chuckled.

"What a daring dog. Do you think that you possess the qualifications to speak in here?! Arrogant!"

Shi Xuan's face instantly turned grim. Promptly, he revealed a venomous smile before his foot stomped against the ground as he dashed forth. Looks like he could not resist making a move.

Lin Dong narrowed his eyes as he stared at Shi Xuan, who was giving off violent shockwaves. However, he gave no indication that he was going to fight back. Instead, he slowly lowered both of his arms.

Dong!

Just as Lin Dong lowered his arms, Little Flame, who had been silently standing behind him, suddenly took a step forward. Meanwhile, an alarming and savage killing intent gushed into his originally dull eyes.

“Get lost!”

While he shouted, Little Flame punched out, directly clashing against Shi Xuan!

Chapter 486: Little Flame's Might

Under the numerous watching eyes in the large hall, Little Flame's fist directly slammed into the incoming Shi Xuan.

“That fellow is courting death!”

The instant they collided, some people involuntarily chuckled. Even in a place like this, Shi Xuan was considered rather powerful. After all, he was a genuine One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner, an existence that was several times more powerful than those who had failed to pass a Nirvana Tribulation. Therefore, a single punch from him could severely wound any ordinary Nirvana stage practitioner!

“Bang!”

However, just as these chuckles slowly spread out, a deep yet shocking noise suddenly echoed out from the point of contact. Immediately, alarming shockwaves instantly swept forth.

Crack! Crack!

Large cracks as thick as an arm were directly ripped on the solid stone floor beneath the two's feet. Following which, the crowd was dumbstruck as they watched the originally menacing Shi Xuan suddenly shoot backwards in a hideous manner. He retreated over a dozen steps, and each step left a deep mark on the ground.

“How is this possible!”

This sight undoubtedly caused the facial expressions on most of the people in the hall to change drastically. Instantly, everyone’s attention was focused on the spot where the dust was settling, only to see the muscular, steel-tower like figure standing in the same spot right in front of Lin Dong. To think that the fearsome clash from before had not even caused him to take a single step back!

The originally noisy large hall instantly lapsed into silence. Several pairs of eyes stared in awe at Little Flame, who was standing in front of Lin Dong... Using his bare fist to blow away a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner. Could he be a elite practitioner who had survived two Nirvana Tribulations?

In the middle of the large hall, the pupils of the large burly man and the lady in dark purple, gently shrunk. Meanwhile, the mocking look in their eyes disappeared as they solemnly stared at Little Flame. Only now did they finally realize..... the vibrations emitted from the latter’s body, caused even them to feel a little danger.

“That kid, from where did he find such a powerful helper.....”

The two of them glanced at each other, before they gradually retracted the contempt in their hearts. It seems like Lin Dong dared to show up because he had some backing.

Seated between the two of them, the steel ball in Shi Kun’s hand slowly came to a stop... He lifted his head..... slightly narrowing

his eyes as he concentrated on Little Flame's body. Within his eyes were a cold and sharp blade-like glint.

“How is that possible?!”

Currently, Shi Xuan had finally managed to stabilize his body. His face looked as ugly as pigs blood. As he angrily bellowed, his blood-red eyes stared at Little Flame. Promptly, savage Yuan Power shockwaves suddenly swept forth. He was simply unable to acknowledge that he could not even defeat this anonymous person that had popped up from nowhere!

“Fool that appeared from nowhere..... how dare you interfere in my Devil Cliff Empire's affairs!” Shi Xuan's face was terrifying. As he took a step forward, a resplendent golden glow erupted from within his body. Evidently, he had fully activated his Nirvana Golden Body. With a flip of his palm, potent Yuan Power rapidly gathered together and transformed into a Yuan Power mountain.

“Demon Seal Mountain Suppressing Fist!”

After losing out previously, this time around, Shi Xuan did not dare to be negligent at all and chose to use his killing move immediately. A giant Yuan Power mountain-like fist viciously smashed into Little Flame.

Nonetheless, against such a savage attack, Little Flame slowly curled his palm into a fist, veins wriggled on it like tiny dragons. Faintly, an extremely terrifying energy rippled outwards.

A punch was directed upwards in a barbaric manner.

Boom!

A loud noise once again sounded out. The Demon Seal Mountain Suppressing Fist, that had once vexed Lin Dong, was directly blown apart by Little Flame's fist.

Buzz! Chhiii!

After his Yuan Power Mountain blew up, Shi Xuan, who was connected to it, immediately vomited a mouthful of freshblood. His eyes were filled with shock and disbelief. He had never imagined that Little Flame's strength was actually so terrifying.

In the large hall, as the crowd stared at the scattering Yuan Power glowing dots, some of them stealthily sucked in a breath of cold air. If they tried to rationalize the previous setback by claiming that Shi Xuan was unprepared, this time around, they had no more excuses...

“That fellow, since when did he get such a powerful helper? I wonder how he managed to find such a powerful practitioner. In fact, it seems like this helper would not lose out to Shi Kun and the rest...”

While some of them silently whispered, judging from the ones who turned to look at Lin Dong, the greed in their eyes had obviously dimmed. All of them chose to target Lin Dong mostly

because he came from a low rank empire. However, the sight before them led them to understand that even though Lin Dong came from a low rank empire, his own strength as well as the strength of his helper was not weak at all.

“Bastard!”

Shi Xuan wiped off the blood trails at the corner of his mouth. Right now, his face was so hideous that it looked a little twisted. Just as he was about to explode in rage, Shi Kun’s mouth finally slowly opened, “Shi Xuan, stop. You are no match for him.”

When he heard Shi Kun’s words, Shi Xuan violently gnashed his teeth while he stared venomously at Lin Dong and Little Flame. However, he slowly withdrew in the end.

As they watched the retreating Shi Xuan, everyone in the large hall focused their attention on Shi Kun. All of them could feel a faint killing intent from the latter’s body.

“This gentleman, my Devil Cliff Empire has a major feud with Lin Dong. Even though I do not know how much he has agreed to pay you, if you chose to walk away from this matter, I will pay you double of what he is offering. Furthermore, if you ask for anything in future, as long as it is within my ability, my Devil Cliff Empire will surely assist you. How about it?” Shi Kun lifted his head, looking towards Little Flame as he asked in a low voice.

When the crowd in the large hall heard these words, their hearts involuntarily trembled. This steel-tower looking man was truly

not an ordinary individual. In fact, even a someone like Shi Kun, did not want to cross blows with him.

Just as the crowds was in awe, standing in front of Lin Dong, Little Flame finally lifted his head. A heart-palpitating blood trail surfaced in his originally dull eyes. In the face of such a gaze, even Shi Kun and the rest felt their hearts shudder. His eyes were similar to that of a ferocious beast.

While the crowd stared at him, Little Flame finally opened his mouth. His voice was still a little rough, but it had a fearsome and savage aura that could not be ignored.

“Anyone who tries to touch my big brother, will first have to step over I..... Lin Yan’s body.”

His shaky voice was filled with a beast-like savageness as it sounded out in the large hall. Immediately, everyone’s pupils gently shrunk.

“His big brother..... is that Lin Dong?”

Strong disbelief flowed in the eyes of some elite practitioners. At first, they thought that this powerful fellow was a helper that Lin Dong had spent a large sum of money to hire. However, they never expected that Lin Dong was actually this steel tower like man’s big brother...

Furthermore, all of them could hear from the tone of his voice,

that this fellow who could easily blow away Shi Xuan and even Shi Kun was fearful of, held the utmost respect for Lin Dong, who was merely a half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner. His words were spoken from the bottom of his heart.

Shi Kun was similarly stunned by Little Flame's answer. Promptly, a cold and malicious light surfaced in his eyes.

“In that case, you shall die together with him!”

The instant he spoke, a savage killing aura violently gushed out from within Shi Kun's body. As his figure flashed, he appeared in a phantom-like fashion in front of Little Flame. The Yuan Power shockwaves emitted from his body were several times more powerful than Shi Kun.

“Golden Demonic Chop!”

While a savage killing aura swivelled around his body, Shi Kun gripped his palm as a savage golden glow quickly gathered together and transformed into a sharp golden blade. Together with a powerful aura that could split apart a mountain, he was as quick as lightning as he furiously chopped at Little Flame.

Buzz!

Even though the blade of light had yet to touch the ground, it had already ripped a several meters long ditch in the large hall.

Once Shi Kun made a move, he immediately proved that he was several times more powerful than Shi Xuan. His strength was close to that of a Two Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner!

Little Flame lifted his head, a blood-red glow emerging in his eyes. He had no intention of retreating at all. As he grabbed out with his large hand, a large black rod immediately appeared within. With a jolt, the bar flew forth!

Boom!

When he swung the rod, the surrounding air was directly blown apart. Faintly, it seemed like a heart-palpitating tiger roar could be heard.

Clang!

Blade and rod swept forth like a bolt of lightning. In the next instance, they viciously slammed together under the shocked gazes of the crowd. Instantly, a savage wind ferociously swept across the entire large hall like a hurricane!

Chapter 487: Giant Essence Swallowing Palm

Under the crowd's attention, two terrible without equal forces ferociously collided, like a meteorite crashing into a mountain, and in a manner that was extremely provoking to the senses.

The instant they collided, a berserk shockwave, which could be seen with the naked eye, frantically unfurled outwards. The ground within a dozen feet of the two immediately disintegrated, while the numerous practitioners located nearby hastily backed away, afraid that they would be drawn into the destruction.

Boom!

The great hall shook violently as a loud noise suddenly rang out. After which, everyone watched as the golden light blade wielding Shi Kun abruptly flew back in retreat. His body swiftly spun in midair before landing, but the ground on which his feet landed on still turned into dust!

Crack crack!

While Shi Kun shot backwards in retreat, the well built Little Flame was also forced back by a couple of steps. The solid ground under his feet blasted apart, exploding into fine powder.

Neither of them had the absolute upper hand in this exchange.

Everyone in the hall watched this result while shock surged up their eyes. Even the eyes of the Prehistoric Empire's bare torso giant and the woman from the Death Valley Empire were filled with a grim expression.

Who was Shi Kun? He was an expert who had attempted the second Nirvana Tribulation. Although he ended up failing, everyone knew that after the first failure, he would definitely possess over seventy percent chance of success in his next attempt. At that time, he would become a genuine Two Yuan Nirvana expert. This level of strength was considered top tier in the north-western region!

Despite this, he was actually unable to gain any advantage at all in the hands of this metal tower like man of mysterious origins even after personally being in the fight. How could this not surprise them?

To one side, shock was also revealed on Shi Xuan's face due to this result. He very clearly understood his big brother's strength. Originally, he believed that once the latter got involved, he would definitely be able to sweep everyone away. However, what had appeared in the end was an outcome where both were evenly matched.....

“You are quite skilled indeed!”

The warm smile on Shi Kun's face slowly faded bit by bit while a pair of sharp and cold eyes stared intently at Little Flame's body. After which, a savage smile flashed across his face. “However, your foundation is still too thin. You dare to challenge my Devil Cliff

Empire with just the two of you?”

“Shi Xuan, bring your men and capture that little brat. I want to see just what kind of storm they can create today!”

If the Lin Dong duo were allowed to act in a mighty manner in the current situation, he knew that it would affect his Devil Cliff Empire’s reputation. Hence, Shi Kun had already made up his mind that he would not let this matter go!

“Understood!”

A ferocious expression suddenly surfaced on Shi Xuan’s face when he heard Shi Kun’s cry. After which, his gaze stared densely towards Lin Dong. Although the appearance of Little Flame had vastly exceeded their expectations, as long as Shi Kun acted to keep him in check, Lin Dong was nothing!

Rustle!

At the moment Shi Kun’s cry sounded, numerous figures suddenly shot out from within the great hall. There were quite a number of familiar faces amongst them. Surprisingly, they were Lei She’s group which was captured by Little Flame back then. However, they were currently staring at him with sinister and vicious eyes.

The expressions of the many empires within the great hall also changed a little upon witnessing this scene. It seemed that the

Devil Cliff Empire wanted to finish off this thorn Lin Dong, even if they had to use up all of their strength.

“Whoever dares to step forward shall die!”

The black coloured metal rod in Little Flame’s hands was violently swung and a frightening forceful wind directly split the ground apart. A dense chilly glow was flickering on the scales that covered the rod. At the same time, a fierce and brutal aura swept out from within his body. His low and deep voice was filled with a violent aura.

“You do not have the qualification to say these words in this place!” Shi Kun coldly laughed. His body moved and once again rushed out. Gold light surged and waves after waves of crazily brutal attacks covered Little Flame.

A fierce glint also surged up Little Flame’s eyes as he looked at Shi Kun who had once again rushed over. The black coloured metal rod in his hand danced, forming numerous afterimages as he used a powerful stance to ruthlessly confront Shi Kun.

Clang clang!

The exchange between the two this time around was even fiercer and more brutal than before. Each attack was fatal. Clearly, both of them wished to kill the other party.

“Humph, Lin Dong, I will see just who else will protect you now!”

The dense expression in Shi Xuan's eyes also instantly became richer while Little Flame and Shi Kun entered into battle. He gave Lin Dong a fearsome smile while a dazzling golden light surged out from within his body. He was just like a gold coloured divine warrior as he charged forward.

“Die!”

The killing intent within the eyes of Lei She's group also surged when Shi Xuan attacked. Accompanied by the low roar were numerous attacks of unmatched sharpness which covered Lin Dong. From the looks of it, they clearly already possessed the intention to kill him at all cost.

The surrounding empires hurriedly withdrew when they saw this situation. The original minor fiction had clearly already been amplified into a decisive battle to the death between both sides. Both sides were not ordinary people. Hence, they did not wish to intervene in this battle.

“This fellow, although he possess such an expert beside him, he is not very powerful. Currently, Shi Xuan and so many people have attacked him at the same time. Given his Heaven Symbol Master abilities, it is likely that he will have great difficulty fighting back.” The red armed large man from the Prehistoric Empire shook his head and said when he saw this scene.

“It is not possible to use the fleeing ability of the Ancient Secret Key in this Ancient Hall...” The lady in purple-black dress from the Death Valley Empire also spoke indifferently. They had heard that Lin Dong had fled from the hands of Shi Xuan's group the last time

because of the Ancient Secret Key. However, this place was a special terrain. Due to the presence of the Ancient Treasure Trove. The ability of the Secret Key to flee into nothingness was blocked.

“This little fellow has miscalculated this time around...”

Numerous gazes in the great hall watched Lin Dong who had descended into a situation of being surrounded at this moment. All of them quietly shook their heads.

Lin Dong had naturally also sensed the surrounding gazes. However, his face did not reveal a panic expression which everyone had expected. His gaze was rippleless as he stared at Shi Xuan’s group which was rushing over. His hand was suddenly waved. At the next instant, a red glow suddenly shot out from his sleeves.

“Soul Puppet huh? This thing cannot save you!”

Shi Xuan involuntarily let out a cold laughter when he saw the red glow that had rushed out. Lei She by the side also rushed out a little quicker. Powerful Yuan Power gathered on his palm. After which, he threw a palm explosively towards the red glow that had rushed out.

“Clang!”

A clear metallic sound was spread as Lei She and the red glow suddenly collided. Everyone immediately saw that Lei She’s body

suddenly stiffened. After which, he directly shot backwards before eventually colliding on an enormous rock pillar. A mouthful of fresh blood was spat out.

The sudden unexpected turn of events caused the originally cold smiling Shi Xuan's group to be shocked. Their gaze hurriedly looked towards the red glow only for their eyes to shrink abruptly.

“Grade 1 Soul Puppet?”

Numerous exclamations resounded over the great hall. The skin on the heads of most people suddenly became somewhat numb. They were really unable to imagine just how a little fellow who had come from an unknown low rank empire possess so many powerful trump cards?

“Darn, this fellow's Soul Puppet had actually evolved?” A shocked expression also surged up Shi Xuan's eyes. He was able to sense a powerful ripple that was not inferior to him from the Soul Puppet.

“I will block this Soul Puppet. Everyone else will go after Lin Dong!”

Shi Xuan clenched his teeth violently. They had finally managed to get Shi Kun to intervene and delay Little Flame which was most difficult to deal with. If they did not grab the opportunity and finish off Lin Dong, it would likely be quite troublesome in the future.

Clang clang!

However, just when Shi Xuan was prepared to intervene and block the Blood Soul Puppet, the latter suddenly dodged and opened a path. After which, its body charged towards the other experts from the Devil Cliff Empire. Immediately, it became just like a wolf that had entered a herd of goats as it killed the many experts from the Devil Cliff Empire until they fled miserable in all directions.

“I cannot be blamed since you are seeking your own death!”

Shi Xuan was initially startled when he saw that the Blood Soul Puppet had not only not attacked him but had instead opened a path. However, a dense wild joy immediately surged within his eyes. His toes pressed on the ground and his body directly rushed towards Lin Dong in a lightning like manner. All the fights would naturally come to an end once Lin Dong was finished off!

The other people in the great hall were similarly greatly shocked by this action of Lin Dong. He actually took the initiative to allow the most troublesome Shi Xuan through. Was he planning to rely on his ability to fight with the one Yuan Nirvana stage Shi Xuan?

Shi Xuan's speed was extremely quick. He did not give others too much time. Within a couple of breath's time, he had appeared above Lin Dong. The Yuan Power in his body was completely unleashed without holding back as he threw a punch forward.

“I will see just how you shall flee this time around!”

An enormous pressuring force accompanied by a wild and violent fluctuation swept down, directly cracking the ground and formed numerous huge crack lines. This attack of Shi Xuan encompassed his full strength. Clearly, he did not plan on giving Lin Dong any chance to resist.

“Flee?”

A mocking smile surfaced on Lin Dong’s face. Immediately, his eyes suddenly turned dark and stern. His palm swirled and the Yuan Power, Mental Energy and Devouring Power surged from within his body. After which, they were all poured into the “Ancient Universe Formation” in his Dantian.

“Hua Hua!”

An invisible hurricane suddenly took shape around Lin Dong. The space around faintly had a distorted feeling to it.

“Giant Essence Swallowing Palm!”

Lin Dong suddenly strided forward. A grayish-black colour permeated both of his eyes. After which, the strange grayish-black coloured energy that was merged from the three energy suddenly erupted from within his body before directly agglomerating into a grayish-black palm that was around ten feet in size. That palm seemed to hide countless number of swirling black holes, appearing extremely frightening!

A fiery heat expression shot past Lin Dong's eyes as the palm was formed. This was the first time that he had catalysed merged energy. He really wanted to know just how powerful was the might of this merged energy!

“Bang!”

A thought passed through Lin Dong's mind. The grayish-black palm that was formed did not pause for even a moment. It directly rushed past half of the air in the great hall under his urging before blatantly colliding with Shi Xuan who was rushing over!

Chapter 488: Establishing One's Might

The grayish-black palm did not possess an overly soul-stirring momentum. Only people with keen senses would be able to vaguely sense just how unusual and powerful the undulations hidden within the grayish-black were.

The gazes of everyone in the great hall expectedly carried a gloating expression when they saw that Lin Dong actually had the guts to face Shi Xuan head on. Most of the people present were Nirvana stage experts. This group did not lack experts who had already undergone a Nirvana Tribulation, hence, they were able to tell with their eyes alone that Lin Dong's Yuan Power was merely half-step-to Nirvana. Although Lin Dong's Mental Energy was not weak, he was merely a Heaven Symbol Master and could not even be considered a one seal Heaven Symbol Master. His current ability was not match for Shi Xuan.

Of course, there were naturally some people with good eyesight amongst these people. This, along with the numerous trump cards that Lin Dong had displayed, caused them to be afraid of underestimating him. No one knew whether this this fellow, who appeared to be full of trump cards, would have a hidden strength that they were unaware of.

While many different thoughts were flowing within the great hall, the gray coloured palm had already collided with the explosive attack by Shi Xuan.

The expected loud bang when the collision occurred did not appear. At that instant, an extremely strange and powerful

devouring strength erupted from the grayish-black palm. Under this devouring strength, a significant amount of Shi Xuan's wild and violent Yuan Power attack suddenly disappeared. Instead, the light that was flowing on the grayish-black palm become increasingly bright.

“Break!”

Lin Dong's eyes were icy cold as a low cry suddenly unleashed from his throat.

Bang!

With the diminishment, Shi Xuan's seemingly frantic and violent attack was swiftly weakening in an extremely strange manner. After which, it completely disintegrated as the palm whizzed past.

The Yuan Power attack disintegrated by the grayish black coloured palm did not disappear as a result. Its strength was not the least bit reduced as it pressed onto Shi Xuan's body in a lightning like manner while a shock surfaced in the latter's eyes.

A low and deep sound was emitted from Shi Xuan's body. After which, his body appeared to have received a heavy blow as it miserable shot out. He staggered and hurriedly stepped in the empty air in an attempt to stabilize his body. However, he did not succeed and ended up colliding on a rock pillar. An enormous force directly caused numerous tiny and densely packed crack lines to directly spread on the rock pillar.

“Grug!”

Shi Xuan immediately spat out a mouthful of fresh blood as his body collided onto the rock pillar. There appeared to be some remanent thread of grayish black air faintly present within the crimson colour that was spat out.

The interior of the hall was once again silent when Shi Xuan spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. All the private conversations suddenly ceased. This time around, those gazes that were thrown towards Lin Dong had finally become incomparably solemn.

If it was said that the appearance of Little Flame and the Blood Soul Puppet had caused the experts present to stop adopting an underestimating attitude towards Little Flame, this time around, the actual strength that Lin Dong had displayed had caused them to withdraw the superiority that they had when looking at a low rank empire.

“This little fellow... is really strange!”

The eyes of the red arm large man from the Prehistoric Empire started at Lin Dong in an extremely unusual manner as he muttered softly. Beside him, the lady in a purple black dress also slowly nodded her head. Being able actually able to injury Shi Xuan who had already stepped into the one Yuan Nirvana stage with the strength of someone at half-step-to Nirvana and Heaven Symbol Master strength was definitely not something an ordinary person could do.

Shi Xuan finally staggered to his feet in the completely silent room. His face was filled with a rich shock. Clearly, he had yet to recover from the scene earlier. During their last fight, Lin Dong had to rely on the Ancient Secret Key in his hand to flee even after using all his strength. Shi Xuan was totally unable to imagine that Lin Dong had become this strong after just having not met the latter for a short month or so!

“Impossible!” Shi Xuan’s face suddenly became distorted. He was really unable to believe that he, a genius from the Devil Cliff Empire, would actually be defeated by a nameless member of the younger generation who had come from a low rank empire.

“Cough!”

However, just as Shi Xuan’s furiously prepared to attack again in order to preserve his reputation, he suddenly began coughing violently. A trace of blood was coughed out of his mouth, while a grayish-black air was vaguely present in it.

“Shi Xuan!”

At this moment, Shi Kun, who was having an intense fight with Little Flame had also discovered the unexpected development on the other side. His expression immediately changed as he hurried freed himself from Little Flame. He appeared beside Shi Xuan in a flash.

“Don’t touch me. There’s something strange with this brat’s Yuan Power!” Shi Xuan stopped Shi Kun’s hand that was being

extended over as his body shook a little. At this body, threads of grayish-black vapor were randomly circulating within his body. These strange energy was just like a kind of poison. It would repeatedly erode away the Yuan Power in his body wherever it passed and turned the interior of his body into a complete mess.

Shi Kun's eyes also shrunk slightly when he saw this situation. He threw a punch across the air and powerful Yuan Power flowed into Shi Xuan's body. A moment later, a shocked expression also surfaced in his eyes. Those strange grayish-black vapor were unexpectedly difficult to deal with. Even with his strength, he would need to use an extremely great amount of effort before he could completely scatter these grayish-black vapor.

Shi Xuan's weary expression only improved after the last thread of grayish-black vapor within his body scattered. However, it was obvious that he was quite seriously wounded. The gaze which he used to look at Lin Dong again no longer contain any underestimation. Instead, it was filled with a dense fear.

The experts from the Devil Cliff Empire in the great hall had already been chased by the Blood Soul Puppet until they were in an extremely miserable situation. All of them carried injuries as they hid behind Shi Kun. Their gazes contained a slight fear as they looked at Lin Dong. This was especially the case for Lei She's group that had once exchanged blows with Lin Dong. They had clearly seen the scene of how the Lin Dong had injured Shi Xuan earlier...

Currently, their hearts appeared to be exactly the same as Shi Xuan. This was especially the case for Chen Mu. When he met Lin Dong for the first time, the latter was not even worthy of his direct

sight. However, their current position seemed to have been reversed.

Everyone in this messy great hall looked at the miserable Devil Cliff Empire. Although they maintained a calm expression on the surface, a great storm had already brewed within their hearts. All of them understood that if the matter here was to spread, it was likely that Lin Dong's name would become extremely well known even in this north-western region. After all, Lin Dong was the first one in such a long time who was able to force the people from the Devil Cliff Empire until such an extent...

Clang!

Little Flame once again stood behind Lin Dong. The black coloured metal rod in his hand was heavily smashed on the ground. His forceful strength caused the ground to shake slightly. That Blood Soul Puppet had also rushed back. It stood on the other side of Little Flame. Both the puppet and Little Flame looked like two fierce and vicious strong beings as they stood beside Lin Dong.

The aura of just these mere two people and one puppet standing in this great hall was sufficient to cause the powerful Devil Cliff Empire to have difficulty dealing with.

At this moment, no one dared to reveal even a little underestimation. Those experts who were preparing to snatch the Ancient Secret Key in Lin Dong's hands earlier quietly withdrew a little. What a joke. Even the Devil Cliff Empire was forced until such a miserable state. Who would dare to attempt something that would lead to an unfortunate ending?

“The Devil Cliff Empire is merely so.”

Lin Dong's eyes were as quiet as a deep pit as they slowly swept across Shi Kun group. His faint voice, however, caused everyone's heart to leap. This was the first time that they had witnessed someone who dared to speak to the Devil Cliff Empire in such a manner. However, no one dared to voice any objection to this...

“Brat, do you really think I can't do anything to you?” Shi Kun's eyes were incomparably nefariously cold as he spoke sternly.

“Why don't you try!”

The corner of Lin Dong's mouth was lifted. A rich killing intent spread out faintly. This caused some people to quietly inhale a breath of cold air. They seemed to have finally understood that Lin Dong was actually planning to finish off the Devil Cliff Empire.

Indeed, Lin Dong's heart was filled with killing intent towards this Devil Cliff Empire which had found quite a lot of trouble with him. The strength that he currently possessed was already sufficient to contend against this originally powerful high rank empire. The brothers Shi Kun and Shi Xuan were all very vicious people. It was best to eliminate such an enemy as soon as possible if one had the chance to do so.

“You!” Shi Kun's eyes turned cold. He was just about to attack in anger when he saw Little Flame behind Lin Dong slowly raising the metal rod in his hand. Immediately, he forcefully suppressed the

fury in his heart. It seemed that they did not have much of an upper hand in this situation that they were facing.

“Cough, this friend, the matter between all of you is but some misunderstanding. Why is there a need to turn it until such an extent? In a couple of days time, the Ancient Treasure Trove will be opened. If any accident occurs at this time, everyone might be unable to enter the Ancient Treasure Trove. From the way I see it, why don’t all of you take a step back. What do you say?” At this moment, the red arm man finally stepped forward and smilingly said to Little Flame.

“There are many powerful empires who had come because of the Ancient Treasure Trove this time around. Even we have difficulty dealing with some of them. If we wish to gain something from within the Ancient Treasure Trove, cooperating might be battle than being in conflict.” The purple black woman slowly said.

Lin Dong’s gaze calmly swept over them. He knew that these were the leaders from the Prehistoric Empire and the Death Valley Empire. They were also the owners of another two Secret Keys. Hearing the meaning of their words, it was clear that they were not in a team with the Devil Cliff Empire but they were also unwilling to see Shi Kun being injured because of him.

“I like to be alone. There is no need for any cooperation. However, since the two of you have opened your mouth, I will temporarily put this matter aside. But if the Devil Cliff Empire does any foolish thing, I cannot guarantee that I will not act to snatch that Ancient Secret Key in their hands.”

Little Flame did not trust these high rank empires even a little. He knew that if it was not because he had displayed his trump card and strength earlier, it was likely that these people would not help speak for him even if he was killed by Shi Kun's group.

Yet, looking at the current situation, the Prehistoric Empire and the Death Valley Empire would clearly stop him from finishing off the Devil Cliff Empire. Lin Dong was also unable to fight against three high rank empires. In that case, it was just as well that he take the opportunity and withdraw. After entering this Ancient Treasure Trove, he would still possess quite a lot of opportunities to finish off this trouble known as the Devil Cliff Empire.

Additionally, the current him also did not have the absolute confidence in finishing off Shi Kun's group. The red armed man and the purple black woman sighed in relief. However, they also felt somewhat regretful. They knew that their act of standing idly by the side earlier had caused Lin Dong to have little favourable impression of them.

“Goodbye. I will come once again when the Ancient Treasure Trove is about to open.”

Lin Dong glanced at the extremely green face of Shi Kun. He did not plan to stay for long. After cupping his hands towards the red arm man and the purple black woman, he turned around. His footsteps paused for a moment just when he was about to exit the main door. Turning his head, he looked at some of the experts in the great hall who were planning on snatching the Ancient Secret Key in his hands.

“On a side note, I will like to ask if the current me possess the qualification to hold this fourth Ancient Secret Key?”

No one replied. However, Lin Dong had already obtained an answer from the dodging gazes of these people. This big fight with the Devil Cliff Empire had clearly completely eliminated the sinister thoughts of these people...

Regardless of where one was, strength would always be able to override everything.

Chapter 489: Various Factions

Even though the Devil Cliff Empire tried their best to suppress news regarding the fight that had taken place in the large palace, their efforts were futile in the end. In merely half a day's time, news of that matter had swept across the entire ancient palace just like a hurricane.

Once news of this matter got out, it undoubtedly invoked a huge commotion in the city. When most of them first heard of it, their faces were all filled with shock. If it were not for the fact that they knew this information was certainly accurate, all of them would have thought that this was merely a joke.

Even though they were not the overlords, scarcely anyone in the southwest territories dared to offend the Devil Cliff Empire. In fact, even amongst high ranked empires, they were quite a force to be reckon with. Furthermore, everyone was clearly aware that the brothers Shi Kun and Shi Xuan had both survived one Nirvana Tribulation. In fact, it was reputed that Shi Kun possessed the ability to attack the second Nirvana Tribulation. If he could survive, their Devil Cliff Empire's strength would surely surge once again.

However, such a powerful empire was reduced into such a sorry state by Lin Dong, who merely came from a low rank empire.

It was natural for this surprising outcome to cause such a outcry. However, regardless, from today onwards, Lin Dong's name will surely shock this entire southwest territories. In fact, it seems like some troubles, such as the Devil Cliff Empire's bounty,

would naturally disappear thanks to his reputation.

After all, if an empire as powerful as the Devil Cliff Empire, could not handle Lin Dong, what chances do any ordinary empires have? Furthermore, most genuinely powerful empires would not bother to do so.

Evidently, Lin Dong's display of strength today had far exceeded the impact that he had sought. It seems like in the meantime, no one would dare to snatch his Mysterious Ancient Key. This definitely freed up his time...

Just as the whole ancient palace was in an uproar due to the fight that took place in the large palace, the main character Lin Dong, was quietly resting in a secluded corner of the city.

For the previous fight, even though he managed to use fusion energy to wound Shi Xuan, he clearly understood that fusion energy took a huge toll on him. Therefore, based on his current strength, he was unable to execute it consecutively. At that time, if Shi Xuan had improved himself and was able to forcefully receive Lin Dong's fearsome attack, the one to land in a dire straits would probably be him...

Regardless of how powerful his methods were, the distance between him and Shi Xuan was quite huge. Just the fact that he could use his fusion energy to wound him, was already a noteworthy accomplishment.

“If you can successfully advance to Nirvana stage, that Shi Xuan

will be rendered helpless in front of you.” Stead above a large boulder, Lin Dong clenched his fist and said. Right now, his own physical body was indeed lacking.

“That fellow named Shi Kun is truly troublesome. Right now, even Little Flame can only use his powerful physical body and martial arts in order to force a draw. Furthermore, I can sense that fellow possess the ability to attack the second Nirvana Tribulation. If he can truly progress to Two Yuan Nirvana, even Little Flame will be no match for him.” Little Marten hovered in front of Lin Dong before it solemnly said.

Lin Dong gently nodded his head. Although Shi Kun was currently only a One Yuan Nirvana stage practitioner, it was clear that he surpassed practitioners like Shi Xuan. Lin Dong understood that if he was to face Shi Kun, it was likely that he would find it quite troublesome.

“After entering the Ancient Treasure Trove, we will first hunt for some Nirvana pills. It is likely that there would be quite a number of them there. At that time, I will borrow the strength of the treasure trove to breakthrough to the Nirvana stage. As long as I am able to undergo a Nirvana Tribulation, I will be able to fight with Shi Kun even if he advanced to Two Yuan Nirvana stage. Along with Little Flame’s strength, I have eighty percent confidence that I can finish them off!” Lin Dong gaze flashed slightly while a dense chillness surged over his face.

“Heh, if that is the case, things will be determined by who makes a breakthrough first.” Little Marten laughed. It clearly understood that once Shi Kun broke through, they would definitely come

looking for them.

“The ancient treasure trove’s allure is far too great. It will be quite difficult to return with lots of rewards. The Demon Cliff Empire was merely one kind of hindrance. There was an unknown number of hidden powerful individuals in this ancient battlefield. The number of strong people and empires that were attracted by the ancient treasure trove are definitely not just those people whom we saw hiding in the great hall. Those are the most troublesome ones.” Lin Dong smiled and spoke with a solemn expression.

“Of course it will not be so easy. Did you not hear what the woman from the Death Valley Empire said? There will definitely be some experts or empires whom they had difficulty fighting against appearing within the ancient treasure trove. However, these individuals could be considered quite outstanding even in the entire ancient battlefield. Speaking from a certain point of view, they could be considered the seeded individuals of those super sects.”

Lin Dong nodded his head. His gaze was slightly lowered. A little heat was slowly climbing up his pair of eyes. A seeded level individual huh? He did not know just how strong they were. If he was able to exchange blows with them once, he would be able to gauge their strength. Just what rank was he considered as in this Ancient Battlefield... “However, if I really wish to exchange blows with those perverts, I would at the very least have to complete the next breakthrough first...”

Lin Dong muttered to himself while clenching both his fists.

Although this half a step to Nirvana strength was considered to be nothing in this place, he also understood that he was simply waiting for an opportunity, an opportunity to unleash his latent strength!

At the same time, a couple of human figures was standing on a tall tower located in the southern region of this Ancient Great Hall's city. Their calm deep pit like eyes overlooked the noisy large city.

“It is really interesting. A person who came from a low grade empire was actually able to force the Devil Cliff Empire until such a miserable state. That Lin Dong does have some ability.” A handsome man from amongst the group looked downwards and laughed softly.

“The ancient battlefield is immensely vast. There are many inheritance left behind by countless number of ancient ancestors. If one is lucky enough to obtain one, one would naturally be able to stand out. It is likely that this is the reason for Lin Dong to be able to fight against the Devil Cliff Empire. It is not too surprising.” A person laughed faintly beside that man.

“Ke ke, these words are true. Have all of you forgotten that fellow called Tian Dao in the north-western region? That fellow also came from a low grade empire. However, he was extremely lucky to obtain the inheritance of the Ancient Tian Dao Sect. Currently, that fellow is extremely renown in the north-western region.” Right at the front of the few figures was a white robed man. That man appeared quite handsome. When he smiled, his lips pursed slightly, appearing to have a woman like delicateness. However,

anyone who was familiar with him knew that under that delicateness hid a frightening strength.

“Tian Dao ah...”

The couple of figures behind him involuntarily smacked their lips when they heard this name. Even that man who was noncommittal towards Lin Dong’s action also nodded slightly. His eyes was filled with a dense fear.

“According to what I know, that fellow should have the qualification to enter the Nirvana Ranking. What a troublesome opponent. The big battle would arrive after another half a year. At that time, it is likely that even I will feel a little headache if I was to meet him.” That handsome man looked into the distant and softly said.

“Oh? That fellow actually possess the qualification to step into the Nirvana Ranking?” The faces of the few people by the side changed a little upon hearing these words.

“That’s right. Hence, we cannot fall behind in this ancient treasure trove. This ancient treasure trove is quite mysterious. There are quite a number of people who have their eyes on it this time. They include some of our opponents.”

“Do we need to subdue the Devil Cliff Empire and the others?” A person inquired.

“Other than their leaders, the other members of the Devil Cliff Empire, Prehistoric Empire and the Death Valley Empire are all useless. It is pointless having them by our side. Instead, they will only be a hinderance.” That handsome man waved his hand. The Devil Cliff Empire and other high rank empires which were extremely troublesome in the eyes of an ordinary person appeared to be unworthy of his attention in his eyes.

“Ha ha, Bo Bai, we have not met for a period of time but your tone is becoming increasingly arrogant.” A laughter suddenly sounded from within this rock tower after the voice of the handsome man sounded. After which, a fiery red figure flashed and appeared. He leaned lazily on the rock pillar, smiling like a flower. Those peach blossom like eyes were extremely bewitching.

If Lin Dong was to see this appearance, it was likely that he would be quite surprised. This was because this lady was Mu Hong Ling who had fought with him for the mysterious ancient key in the lightning valley back then.

“It is unexpected that you have also come running here this time around. Don’t tell me that you are also interested in this ancient treasure trove?” That handsome man turned his head around and said.

“Relax, I am the only one here this time around. The others had hurried to another treasure trove and don’t have the time to come...” Mu Hong Ling smiled seductively.

“The treasure is the secondary motive for me to come here. A certain fellow who has schemed against me is my target.”

The handsome man raised his eyebrows and asked, “There is actually someone who dares to scheme against the elder young miss Mu?”

“He is that fellow who is being greatly talked about within this ancient palace.” The beautiful peach blossom eyes of Mu Hong Ling narrowed and formed a dangerous arc.

“Lin Dong huh? Ha, it looks like that fellow is really unlucky to be targeted by you.” The handsome man was startled for a moment before laughing softly and shaking his head. His eyes held a pitiful expression.

“This time around, I have come here to also remind all of you. It is rumoured that some people from the south-western region has along come. They should be targeting the ancient treasure trove. It is somewhat troublesome. It seemed that there is also a person who has the qualification to step into the Nirvana Ranking.” Mu Hong Ling eyebrows were slightly knitted together as she suddenly said.

The handsome man narrowed his eyes before slowly nodding. A mutter spread out along with the breeze.

“Things are really interesting. However, this is not the south-western region. Regardless of how a troublesome that river-crossing dragon is, he should watch himself when he comes here...”

Chapter 490: Opening of the Secret Trove

The crowd within a fifty kilometre radius of the ancient hall swiftly increased in size as the time of the opening of the ancient secret trove approached. Regardless of where one stood within the city, one could see that the internal and external parts of the city was basically a black sea of humans. Countless number of soundwaves gathered together before charging towards the clouds. Even the white clouds tens of thousands of feet up in the air were shattered by it.

This grand scene caused even Lin Dong's heart to feel a shock that he could not suppress. He would not be too surprised if these people were all ordinary individuals. However, these people were basically all geniuses that had came from various empires. The weakest amongst these people were at the Creation Stage. If all of these people were to gather together, even the world 'terrifying' does not do justice to this lineup..

Due to this scene, Lin Dong had once again personally experience the allure that this ancient treasure trove had. He could imagine that this treasure trove would be far more valuable than any other places he had experienced.

Even the Great Wastelands Ancient Tablet in the Great Desolate Province of Great Yan Empire could not be compared with it. Of course, due to the passage of time, Lin Dong had no way of knowing whether the ancient experts in the Great Desolate Province or the owners of this ancient treasure trove were stronger. In any case, in the eyes of the current Lin Dong, both factions were extremely distant and great beings.

Ever since he exchanged blows with the Devil Cliff Empire in the great hall, Lin Dong's group did not perform any other explosive moves. Instead, they quietly rested at their resting place, waiting for the day when the atmosphere in this place would burst apart.

Perhaps the effect of establishing his strength and authority that day was extremely notable. Hence, even though Lin Dong was able to detect that there were several factions eyeing their resting spot, trouble unexpectedly did not arise.

Time passed by one day after another amidst this quiet environment, until the morning of the sixth day arrived.

The morning sunlight of the sixth day tore through the cloud that covered the sky. When it shone on this ancient hall, everyone could clearly sense that countless number of aura had turned extremely restless at that instant.

The Yuan Power around had ended up being affected by this restlessness. It faintly seemed to boil.

“Huff!”

Lin Dong, who had his eyes tightly shut in the room, opened them at this moment. He exhaled a cluster of white vapor before turning his head to look out of the window. Dense human figures had already flashed past the sky while being accompanied by waves of rushing wind sound.

“Is it finally time?”

Lin Dong muttered to himself. Immediately, a fiery hot expression suddenly surged up his eyes. He suddenly stood up, pushed the door and walked out

Beyond the door was a large courtyard. At this moment, Little Flame muscular figure flickered vigorously in the courtyard. Perspiration scattered and the metal rod in his hand carried a low and deep air tearing sound. Each time it was waved, it would create numerous deep scars on the ground.

“Big brother.”

Little Flame’s muscular body stopped when Lin Dong exited the door. He kept his metal rod and gave Lin Dong a bored foolish smile.

“You are really a training manic.” Lin Dong smiled and shook his head as he looked at the perspiration filled Little Flame. He extended his hand and beckoned with it. The Heavy Prison Peak that was suspended in midair flew back. At the same time, the light circle covering around Little Flame also scattered.

Little Flame’s body suddenly straightened a little when this light scattered from it. The tensed muscles all over its body also quietly relaxed.

Little Flame's training was clearly not an ordinary method. Instead, he borrowed the Gravity World that was emitted by the Heavy Prison Peak. The weight within it was many times what it was in the outside world. Originally, this was a combat method that Lin Dong used to deal with his opponent. However, it had currently become the training place of Little Flame. Nevertheless, it must be said that the effect was quite good. Still, it was likely that only the body of a beast like Little Flame was able to accomplish such a feat.

“Let's go.”

Lin Dong waved his hand towards Little Flame. After which, he ceased speaking. His body moved and rushed towards the middle of the city. Little Flame carried a metal rod and followed closely behind.

The foolish expression on Little Flame completely disappeared when he exited the courtyard. Instead, a stern look took its place. A fierce aura was faintly emitted, appearing to deter any strangers from approaching.

At this moment, an uproar had clearly begun in this large city. Even the countless number of people outside of the city were rushing in at this moment. Within a short ten minutes, the entire city, its exterior and even its sky was occupied by densely packed human figures.

Everyone's attention was concentrated towards the middle of the city. There was an extremely tall altar-like building at that location. Some strange runes were surrounding the building.

There was a faint obscure energy ripple being scattered from it.

This place was the place where the ancient treasure trove would open!

Shua Shua!

Three figures suddenly rushed out in front of the countless number of gazes present. Finally, they landed above the altar. They were the Shi Kun and the other two who possessed the ancient secret key.

The originally noisy sky and land had suddenly become much quieter following the appearance of these three people. Numerous gazes stared at Shi Kun and the other two with a fervent expression, that was hot enough to scald a person. It was likely that if any one of them suddenly did something that would jeopardize the unlocking of the ancient secret trove to be opened, these people would likely immediately erupt in rage. After which, they would instantly rip apart Shi Kun's group.

Shi Kun and the other two standing on the altar, looked at the countless number of gazes which were focusing intently on them. The skin on their heads had become somewhat numb in an instant. However, they did not immediately act. This was because they were still missing one person. Nonetheless, they did not need to wait for a long time. Approximately a few minutes later, a human figure once again rushed over from the distant. Finally, he landed on the altar in front of the focus of countless number of gazes.

“Is that Lin Dong? That person from a low grade empire who could actually reduce the Devil Cliff Empire into an extremely miserable state?”

This figure had just appeared when it caused waves of private conversations to erupt in the place. Clearly, Lin Dong’s name had spread during these few days.

Lin Dong’s figure landed on the altar. His gaze looked all around him before he frowned a little. In this kind of situation, a person like him who had obtained the Ancient Secret Key did not have the ability to control the situation. It was because one had to open at this moment regardless of whether one wanted to or not.

“No wonder the mysterious ancient keys landed in the hands of the Devil Cliff Empire and the others, despite the fact that they were not the strongest empire in the north-western region. Looks like it obtaining this thing is rather redundant.” Lin Dong quietly spoke.

Although Lin Dong was unable to clearly see into the surrounding dense human crowd around, he could guess that some truly strong fellows were definitely lurking amongst them.

“Haha, brother Lin Dong. Since everyone is here, let’s open the ancient treasure trove. I think that everyone here can wait no longer.” The red armed man from the Prehistoric Empire smilingly said to Lin Dong.

Lin Dong smilingly nodded. After gathering some information

during these few days, he was also aware that this red arm man in front of him was called Hong Zong. He is the leader of the Prehistoric Empire and his strength was similar to Shi Kun. Both of them possessed the strength to attack the second Nirvana Tribulation.

The woman from the Death Valley Empire standing beside them, was named You Qing. She was also at the same level. All of them had quite a strong reputation within the north-western region. They could be considered experts who became renown at an earlier time.

Beside Hong Zong's and You Qing's side, the dark solemn eyed Shi Kun focused his dark cold eyes onto Lin Dong the moment the latter appeared. His eyes contained a killing intent that could not be hidden. However, it was obvious that he did not dare to do anything at this moment. He clearly understood that anyone who dared to interfere with the opening of the Treasure Trove would likely be buried under the fury of the crowd. Faced with this locust like human crowd, even he did not dare to do anything that angered the crowd.

“Brat, I will not allow you to leave this Ancient Treasure Trove alive!” Shi Kun spoke in a sinister voice.

“I share the same thought too.” Lin Dong gently smiled.

“Let's begin.”

Hong Zong hurriedly changed the topic when he heard these two

people who did not meet eye to eye. After which, he extended his palm, before an mysterious ancient key appeared on it. A strange ripple was faintly spreading from it...

Lin Dong and the other two did not act slowly when Hong Zong took out the Ancient Secret Key in this manner. They also swiftly took out their Ancient Secret Key.

Hum!

The four Ancient Secret Keys suddenly became red when they appeared at the same time. A light scattered from it before covering this altar.

The dim ancient runes suddenly brightened when the altar was covered. At the next instant, the runes escaped from the altar and were suspended in midair. Finally they gathered together.

A vast light pillar suddenly appeared as these ancient runes agglomerated together. After which, it directly shot towards the sky above the altar.

Bang!

The light pillar violently collided onto that empty space. After which, everyone were filled with wild joy when they saw that the space at that spot had begun to form numerous intense ripples.

The fluctuating ripple became increasingly fast. At the end, light

gathered before transforming into an enormous light door with an ancient aura permeating from it.

Creak.

The runes flickered and the enormous ancient door was slowly opened amidst the creaking sound. Immediately, a scent similar to dust that had been sealed for countless number of years, drifted out from behind that enormous door.

The Ancient Treasure Trove was finally open!

At this moment, the entire city was in an uproar!

Chapter 491: Golden Body Sharipu

When the large ancient door hovering in the sky slowly opened up, all the Yuan Power in the domain seemed to rage instantly. The reason why they raged was not because of the large door but rather it was caused by the Yuan Power vibrations inside countless bodies...

Boom!

The silence only lasted for a moment, before an endless swarms of humans, swept across the sky just like a tidal wave. Finally, all of them made a beeline for that large ancient door.

Everyone knew that there was bound to be dangers lurking inside the mysterious ancient trove. However, due the allure of the treasures, they had evidently forgotten about the dangers...

Lin Dong stared at the sea of humans that blocked out the sun, as he involuntarily sucked in a breath of cold air. As he waved his palm, standing nearby, Little Flame immediately hopped over, before he stood behind him just like a steel tower.

“Let’s go as well.”

Lin Dong took a glance at Shi Kun and the rest, who were standing at the altar, before his figure flashed as he directly jumped towards that large ancient door. Just as he leapt forth, he waved his palm and once again sucked that mysterious ancient key into his palm. Even though he had already opened up the

mysterious ancient trove and this key seems to be useless, he faintly felt that it was better to have the key in his possession. Perhaps, it's ability that allows him to jump between dimensions, could prove useful in the future.

After he grabbed onto his mysterious ancient key, without further ado, Lin Dong and Little Flame immediately leapt forth before they finally followed that huge crowd and entered the large ancient door...

“Haha, it's time to go as well. This rare sight has actually got my blood boiling as well.” On top of a distant tall tower, countless figures stood above it. The man leading them was an extremely elegant man. Right now, his eyes were locked onto that mysterious ancient door, that was just opening up, and there was a faint fire burning in his eyes.

“Go.”

After he spoke, he took charge and immediately led his men, before he headed for that large door.

Soon after they made a move, at a remote corner outside of the large palace, several hidden yet powerful auras suddenly sprung up.

Based on this sight, everyone knew that it was going to be quite crowded inside the mysterious ancient trove.

The instant Lin Dong dashed through the mysterious ancient door, he could clearly feel an extremely powerful spatial distortion force sweeping towards him, before it wrapped itself around him. Instantly, a destructive ripping force swamped him from every direction and tried to rip Lin Dong apart.

When he faced this savage ripping force, Lin Dong quickly activated the Yuan Power and wrapped it around his body. However, this ripping force did not last as long as he had expected. Approximately half a minute later, that ripping force suddenly vanished. Meanwhile, his originally dark and greyish surroundings suddenly lit up. Immediately, he knew that he had reached his destination.

The instant the place lit up, Lin Dong quickly scanned his surroundings. Then, he involuntarily sucked in a breath of cold air with an awestruck expression on his face.

Everywhere he saw was of a corroded yellowish tinge. In fact, even the sky displayed a similar color. Moreover, right now, Lin Dong was not on the ground, but he was hovering in a vacuum. Surrounding him, were countless massive rocks. Meanwhile, he could faintly see some broken relics scattered across these large rocks.

This was a lifeless domain, and the ground and the sky were both greyish dark, while a extremely savage spatial distortion force slowly extended out. This domain was evidently extremely unstable.

“Is this the mysterious ancient treasure trove...” Lin Dong stared

at this large endless domain while he muttered to himself.

“This domain is already extremely corrupted. It can last at most a few hundred more years before it will self-destruct. At that time, all of the treasures within will disappear as well..” Right now, Little Marten had appeared on Lin Dong’s shoulders. As it glanced at this barren and dark domain, it said.

“This must have been caused by some great war. Heh, it seems like a bloody and terrible fight took place many years ago...”

Lin Dong was secretly stunned. What kind of battle could reduce this domain into such a state? Even the space within the Great Wastelands Ancient Tablet was not as dilapidated as this?

“Be wary of the time cracks here. If you are accidentally sucked in, not even your bones will be left...” Little Marten glanced at its surroundings as it said.

Lin Dong followed his glance, before he pupils promptly shrunk. That was because he realized that there indeed several time cracks inside this greyish dark domain. These cracks were not uniform in size and if one did not look at them closely, it was easy to overlook them. Immediately, a bunch of cold sweat appeared on his forehead. Thankfully, he was not so unfortunate. Else, once he entered this mysterious ancient trove, he could have already lost his life.

“Ah!”

Just as Lin Dong was rejoicing over his own fortune, several terrible screams sounded out behind him. As he quickly turned around to look, he saw that several men had indeed fallen into a time crack. Instantly, the domain squirmed, before a terrifying ripping force immediately swallowed up all of them.

When he saw this sight, Lin Dong's expression turned solemn. This mysterious ancient treasure trove was truly full of deadly traps..."

"This domain is rather vast. Most of them who entered here are just winging it. Therefore, even at this stage, it seems like many unlucky fellows will lose their lives. Alright let's go. It's time to hunt for treasures. The most important thing is to look for the Samsara Pill. It's time for me to make a breakthrough." Lin Dong nodded his head before he immediately looked into the distant horizon.

The instant the mysterious ancient treasure trove was activated, he detected an extremely obscure aura hidden in the city, that was even more powerful than Shi Kun. These men should be the powerful practitioners hidden in the dark. In the future, he might have to cross paths with them. Since these men were even powerful than Shi Kun, based on his current abilities, he would probably end up in a rather sorry state.

Therefore, right now, he must quickly breakthrough to Nirvana stage and survive a Nirvana Tribulation. Only by doing so, can he gain the qualification to stand up to those truly powerful practitioners. Else, he would at most be able to scrap some leftovers and this result was something that Lin Dong could not

accept.

After he spoke, Lin Dong did not linger on. His figure flashed as he floated forth and carefully avoided those fleeting time cracks. While he was quickly moving forward, behind him, Little Flame held onto his steel pole and quickly followed behind. At the same time, his vigilant eyes constantly scanned their surroundings.

As Lin Dong slowly travelled, he gradually understood how large this domain was. Everywhere he passed by, there was a large rock of differing size hovering near him. Meanwhile, there were debris and relics on that large rock, which showcased the might and grandeur of this place in the past...

When he passed by a larger rock or special relic, Lin Dong would land on it. However, what caused him to feel a tinge of regret, was that these relics were all severely damaged and they had no life left on them. In fact, there was not a hint of energy vibrations from them and they seemed just like a dead city.

However, after Lin Dong made several trips to explore, he stumbled upon a rather strange question. It seems like there was more than one sect in this domain. On the giant rocks floating in this domain, he saw several names that resembled different sects.

Devil Cloud Sect, Blood Shadow Door, Fiery Burning Valley...

“This domain seemed to belong to a martial arts alliance. Perhaps there are all members of the alliance...” With regards to this sight, Little Marten silently contemplated for a moment, before it came

up with a rather logical answer.

With regards to its answer, Lin Dong was fairly convinced by it. At the same time, he was shocked by it as well. Any of these sects were probably extremely powerful. Therefore, one can only imagine just how powerful their alliance would be.

“It seems like these ancient sects were truly glorious back in the day...”

However, though he felt shocked in his heart, Lin Dong realized that along the way, he did not find anything useful at all. It seems like this domain truly resembled that of a dead city.

“Hmm?”

Just as Lin Dong prepared to up his speed and head deeper into the domain, his eyes suddenly locked onto something. As he stared into the distant space, he saw an extremely massive large rock hovering there. This rock was approximately a thousand miles wide and it looked just like an island. It was the largest rock that Lin Dong had seen up till now.

When he saw this giant rock island, Lin Dong hesitated for a moment, before he headed over. Just as he was approaching, he realized that this island was actually a dry and barren desert. As he glanced into the horizon, that barren desert extended till the limits of his vision.

“There is something in the middle of the desert.” Little Marten glanced into the distant horizon before it suddenly said.

“Oh?” When he heard its words, Lin Dong’s heart instantly jumped. Immediately, his body flashed before he leapt forth. Approximately several minutes later, he finally realized the center of the desert. Then, he immediately saw that there was a corpse seated on top of the yellow sand.”

Though the bones were yellow in color, one could faintly see a golden tinge. It must have be due to the Nirvana Golden Body.

Lin Dong stood near to that corpse, while he furrowed his brows.

“This should be a person that failed the Nirvana Tribulation. However, it seems like this was at least his sixth one...” Little Marten stared at this desert, before it answered thoughtfully.

“Sixth Tribulation...?” Lin Dong’s pupils gently shrunk, before he glanced at the desert and asked: “Is this desert caused by him?”

“Yes. It seems like he was unable to suppress the Nirvana Flames within his body and they broke free of his body. Therefore, everything within a thousand mile radius was burnt into yellow dust and there are no signs of life anywhere.” Little Marten calmly said.

Lin Dong’s expression was solemn. It is difficult for him to imagine just how terrifying it must be, when those powerful

Nirvana Flames exploded from within that tiny human's body. It turns out the sixth Nirvana Tribulation was actually this terrifying...

“Nirvana Tribulation is truly a blessing and curse for a Nirvana practitioner...”

Lin Dong softly sighed, before he stretched out his palm and gently rested it on that corpse.

Boom!

The instant Lin Dong's fingers made contact, that corroded corpse instantly turned into dust. Even though he possessed the Nirvana Golden Body, it was still difficult for him to withstand the corrosion of time.

Lin Dong glanced at those scattered ashes before he suddenly stretched out his palm. A trace of Devouring Force extended out from within his palm. There were still some messages left within those ashes. Perhaps, they could allow Lin Dong to better understand the mysterious ancient treasure trove.

His Devouring Force flowed for a moment, before Lin Dong gently opened his eyes. Just as he opened his eyes, one could faintly see a tinge of surprise and joy in his eyes.

“Huh?”

Just as Lin Dong was delighted by the fact that he managed to receive some information, he suddenly saw a golden speck within that ash. Immediately, he stretched out his palm and plucked out a shiny golden thumb-sized golden ball from within the ashes.

This golden ball's shape was not uniform and it seemed like a rhombus. Faintly, he could feel a special vibration left within in.

“This is...”

Lin Dong stared at this item with an awestruck expression on his face.

“Golden Body Sharipu.”

The words that suddenly rang out did not come from Lin Dong, but it came from behind him. Immediately, Lin Dong's pupils shrunk before he slowly turned around, only to see that standing at a short distance behind him, a man dressed in black clothes had unknowingly appeared behind him.

Chapter 492: Pill River

The man in black looked quite skinny and in particular, his face was exceptionally pale. He had a pair of deep sunken eyes, which faintly held a peculiar ghastly tinge, giving him a creepy and eerie aura.

In response to the sudden appearance of this person, Lin Dong's expression grew extremely solemn. The fact that the latter had appeared without Lin Dong knowing indicated that he had some tricks up his sleeve. Currently, no one knew just how many powerful individuals had been attracted to this place by the ancient secret treasure trove. If Lin Dong was not careful, he might accidentally lose his life in his place.

“Bang!”

The black metal rod in Little Flame's hand slammed heavily on the yellow sand. His strong body leaned slightly forward, like a wild beast, who was just about to pounce onto its prey.

“Who are you?” Lin Dong was expressionless as he kept the Golden Body Sharipu into his Qiankun bag before asking.

“You are rather lucky. This Nirvana Sharipu is where the essence of the Nirvana practitioner is located in. If you are able to refine and absorb it, you will be able to become stronger. Along the way, this is the only one I have seen. I never expected that someone else would come first and take it before me.” The skinny black clothed man's gaze slowly swept over Lin Dong and Little Flame as he

spoke in a raspy voice.

“You are also interested in this Golden Body Sharipu?” Lin Dong eyes involuntarily narrowed as the power in his body quietly began to circulate.

“Are you planning to attack me if I say that I might be a little interested?” The black clothed man questioned with a faint smile.

Having his intentions read, Lin Dong smiled and spread his hands outwards in a noncommittal manner. Although he was unaware of the background of this black clothed man, it would not be so easy for his possessions to change its owner.

“Relax, although this Golden Body Sharipu is quite valuable, it is not something that I must have. You are called Lin Dong right? Since you are able to emerge from an unknown low rank empire and reach this stage in the ancient battlefield, you must be quite skilled. However, you are still greatly lacking if you wish to rely on this to stand out. The current you doesn’t even possess the qualifications to enter the Nirvana Ranking...” The black clothed man said.

“Nirvana Rankings?” Lin Dong frowned slightly.

“In another half a year, the true Hundred Empire War will begin. However, not everyone will possess the qualifications to participate in the final battle. The minimum requirement is to enter the Nirvana Ranking.”

“Of course, it is not just you who lack the qualifications. Even Shi Kun from the Devil Cliff Empire also lacks the qualifications.”

Lin Dong face gently changed when he heard those words. Even Shi Kun did not have the qualifications to enter the Nirvana Ranking. Doesn't that mean that one must at least reach the level of two Yuan Nirvana in order to have a chance at entering the Nirvana Rankings?

“So there is actually such a restriction in this Hundred Empire War... “ Lin Dong muttered to himself. Soon after, his fists tightened. The current him might not possess the qualifications to enter the Nirvana Ranking, but there was still half a year before the Hundred Empire War. At that time, his strength would definitely exceed his current strength now.

“Thanks for the information.” Although Lin Dong was unaware of just what this fellow was planning to do, he still cupped his hands towards the latter and thanked him.

“There is no need to thank me. It is not as though I have any good intentions. All that I wish is for you to be aware of the gap between you and the true geniuses. It is no mean feat for someone from a low rank empire to possess a reputation similar to these fellows. Most people can only dream about it. The gap between both parties is one that is ultimately difficult to breach.” The black clothed man spoke indifferently.

“If one really thinks like you, perhaps that person will only be able to live as a mediocre person for his entire life.” Lin Dong laughed softly and said.

“Let’s hope so. I have heard similar words many times, but ultimately, they merely ended up as mediocre people...” The black clothed man shook his head before turning around to leave.

“I am called Yan Sen. If a treasure that I am interested in appears the next time we meet, you will not be so fortunate. Hopefully, you will not disappoint me too much at that time...”

The black clothed man’s body swayed and turned into a strange afterimage before drifting away as his raspy voice slowly echoed.

“This fellow...”

Lin Dong looked at the figure that had travelled into the distant and frowned slightly. He immediately stretched his lazy waist and muttered, “Looks like I will need to attempt to attack the Nirvana Stage soon. This feeling of being looked down upon really makes one feel out of sorts...”

“He is very strong.” Little Flame tightened his grip on the metal rod as he stared intently at the spot where Yan Sen had disappeared before speaking.

“Aye, he is no ordinary individual.” Lin Dong nodded. He could sense the dangerous ripples that came spreading out from this person’s body. According to his estimate, this fellow was at least a two Yuan Nirvana Stage expert. He might even be a seeded person who possessed the qualification to enter the Nirvana Rankings.

“Let’s go. It’s time for us to make a breakthrough...” Lin Dong turned his body while his gaze looked towards another direction.

“Do you know where there is a large amount of Nirvana Pills?” Little Marten once again appeared and asked.

“Aye. That place should possess sufficient Nirvana Pills to be squandered freely...” Lin Dong smiled slightly. He immediately stopped lingering on the spot. With a movement of his body, he took the initiative and rushed over towards the spot where his eyes were looking at. Behind him, Little Flame quickly followed behind.

The journey this time around continued for nearly half an hour. During this period of time, Lin Dong passed by many rock ruins. He would also occasionally meet some people who were also here to search for treasures. Most of these people had formed groups and they were just like a swarm of locust wherever they past, ravaging through the entire ruins numerous times.

A fight was naturally unavoidable in this place where so many people had gathered. Any rare treasure that randomly appeared would surely lead to a huge fight.

Thankfully, Lin Dong was not interested in those treasures. Ever since his brief stop in the desert, he had stopped landing on these ruins. Instead, he had increased his speed in the direction which he was heading towards.

From the information that he had obtained from the skeleton in

the desert he became aware that the place would have sufficient Nirvana Pills for him to squander freely...

Lin Dong continued to travel at his maximum speed. A short while later, he clearly sensed that the desolated feeling around him had become much fainter. The remains of some of the floating island were also more complete than those which he had seen earlier. Moreover, the thing that really surprised Lin Dong was that the space here seemed to have an additional feeling of life.

“Are we gradually reaching the deeper parts of the ancient treasure trove...”

The surrounding changes caused Lin Dong’s heart to feel a joy. He continued to increase his speed. After around ten minutes or so, a splashing sound was suddenly emitted from in front of him.

Lin Dong braced his attention when he heard the sound of water spreading from this space. His body passed by an enormous floating island. After which, he stared in awe at the spot ahead of him.

The space was still overcast within a distance of ten thousand metres in front of him. However, there was a bright red sky river currently hanging on the sky. One could not tell just where the start of the sky river was. It was also impossible to see the end of the river at a glance. It was as though the river was directly merged into an empty space, appearing extremely majestic.

“This is the Pill River that was mentioned in the information

from the skeleton...”

Lin Dong exhaled a deep breath of white fog, seemingly attempting to expel the shock within his heart. This was because he knew that this sky river did not contain ordinary river water. Instead, it was a Pill River that was formed from the gathering of Nirvana Pills!

“Using pills to create a river. What a display of wealth!” Little Martern click his tongue and praised, feeling a little shaken as it looked at this scene. At this moment, it finally understood why Lin Dong would say that this place had sufficient Nirvana Qi for him to squander. Even if Lin Dong stuffed himself, he would not be able to absorb even one ten thousandth of such a grand sky river.

Lin Dong suppressed the wild joy in his heart as he brought Little Flame to approach that enormous Pill River. He could see that the within that bright red flowing river was a Nirvana Qi that was so dense that it could be considered frightening. It actually even agglomerated and formed a liquid body which was flowing with a splashing sound.

Plop!

When Lin Dong and Little Flame approached the Pill River, the surface of the bright red liquid was blasted apart. A somewhat illusionary fiery red figure rushed out in a lightning like manner and an extreme sharp wind violently struck towards Lin Dong.

“Clang!”

A metal rod came swinging out from behind Lin Dong and ruthlessly shattered the wind. After which, it carried a wild and violent strength before colliding with that fiery red figure.

Lu!

The metal rod struck onto the figure and the latter emitted a mournful sharp cry. At this moment, Lin Dong finally discovered that it was a human-like creature. Its body was covered with fiery red scales while its hand held a trident. Its eyes were crimson and ferocious.

“Is this the Pill Spirit Corpse?” When it saw this strange organism, Little Marten involuntarily exclaimed in shock.

“Pill Spirit Corpse?” Lin Dong was startled.

“By tossing a person who is about to die into this Pill River, the corpse that is soaked in this Pill River would gradually become a creature without any life nor intelligence. If one was to describe it, it can be considered similar to a puppet. No one knows just how many Pill Spirit Corpse exist within this Pill River. It is likely very difficult if you wish to absorb the Nirvana Qi from this place.” Little Marten looked at the Pill River and focused his eyes on it. It could see that there was countless number of Pill Spirit Corpse within this majestic Pill River.

“Moreover, the Nirvana Strength within this Pill River is far too dense. Even though you possess the Devouring Ancestral Symbol,

it is still quite troublesome to absorb it..”

Lin Dong merely smiled when he heard this. It was as though he was not surprised by this. His body moved and travelled along the Pill River. “A training platform that was left behind by some ancient sect is hidden further up the Pill River. The formation at that place is able to dilute the Nirvana Strength. At the same time it is also able to prevent the harassment of the Pill Spirit Corpse.”

“Oh? Looks like you have obtained quite a lot of information from the skeleton.” Little Marten spoke with some surprise.

Lin Dong smiled. His body swiftly passed by the Sky River while his gaze was carefully sweeping across it. Around ten minutes later, his gaze finally stilled. One could see an ancient platform vaguely visible under the cover of the crimson Nirvana Strength below.

“We have arrived.”

Lin Dong smiled as he looked at the ancient platform. His body immediately landed onto it. Immediately, the Yuan Power that surged out from within his body also gradually calmed down at this moment.

“This training platform hides a formation. As long as it is activated, it will be able to form a powerful defence. It is a place that was specially prepared for the disciples of those ancient sects to train.” Lin Dong patted his hand and looked at this place with great satisfaction. He was able to absorb sufficient amount of

Nirvana Strength in this place , attempt to break into the Nirvana Stage and tide over the Nirvana Tribulation!

“However, it seems that we will need to settle some problems before this...” Little Marten suddenly laughed in a strange manner when Lin Dong was preparing to find the method to activate the formation.

Lin Dong was startled when he heard this. Immediately, he seemed to have sensed something. His eyes sunk as he raised his head. He could only hear the rushing wind sound appearing far away. Soon after, ten figures rushed over from the distance and unceremoniously landed on this training platform.

“This place is occupied by my Sky Eagle Empire. I shall give the two of you ten seconds to get out of here!”

A greedy voice sounded in a ear piercing manner the moment these ten figures appeared.

Chapter 493: Sky Eagle Empire

Swoosh Swoosh!

The sound of rushing wind was heard from the ancient training platform. Promptly, a dozen figures landed steadily. Their eyes, that contained a thick arrogance, were immediately shot towards Ling Dong's group.

At the same time, Lin Dong also turned around to look at them. Those ten people that had appeared were wearing azure coloured clothes. There was a drawing of an extremely large soaring eagle on their clothes. Clearly, they belonged to the same empire.

Lin Dong's eyes swept past them before he stared at the front of the pack. At that spot, a man was standing there with his hands behind his back. His eyes were haughty and the powerful ripple that was faintly emitted from within his body allowed anyone to understand that the arrogance of this person was backed by some skill.

"I thought who it was. It is actually Lin Dong who has recently caused an uproar. In order for you to be able to find this place, you must also possess some ability. However, this place has already been occupied by my Sky Eagle Empire. The both of you should go and look for someplace else." That haughty looking man faintly glanced at Lin Dong's group and actually managed to recognise them. This was likely because Lin Dong had fought with the Devil Cliff Empire.

Lin Dong lifted his brows slightly. He had heard a little about the Sky Eagle Empire. It was also a high ranked empire and possessed a strength that was not inferior to the Devil Cliff Empire. However, it was unexpected that he would actually meet them here.

“All of you also come from a high ranked empire. Don’t tell me that you do understand the meaning of first come first serve?” Lin Dong smilingly said. Although this was not the only training location on this Pill River, he was the first to arrive at this place. Submitting to the humiliation and leaving this place was not an act that someone like him would commit.

“First come first serve? Indeed, I do not understand the meaning of what it means. All I know is that the person with the largest fist is the right one!” The man’s eyes revealed a cold smile as he looked at Lin Dong and said, “Do you really think that after you have fought with the Devil Cliff Empire, you now possess the qualifications to fight with my Sky Eagle Empire?”

“Brat, I have given you a little face on the account of the fact that you had a tougher journey reaching this point since you came from a low rank empire. If you do not acknowledge this favour, I might have to let you taste my Sky Eagle Claw Wang Lie’s skill!”

An irritation and killing intent faintly surged from within the body of Wang Lie. He had heard rumours of Lin Dong but it did not cause him any fear. His strength was also at peak one Yuan Nirvana Stage. Although there was a little gap between him and Shi Kun, the Sky Eagle Empire won in terms of having more Nirvana Stage experts than the Devil Cliff Empire. Out of the ten of them, eight of them had advanced to Nirvana Stage and they were

the Sky Eagle Empire's main pillar of support. Therefore, in his opinion, there was nothing Lin Dong could do against such a lineup.

A chill also flashed across Lin Dong's eyes when he saw this fellow's overbearing manner. Little Flame behind also slowly tightened his grip on his metal rod. The scales all over his body showed a faint trace of being stretched.

"Brat, have you made up your mind?" Wang Lie spoke with a cold smile.

"You and your dogs can get lost."

Lin Dong eyes were icy cold as he slowly said.

Wang Lie's expression had basically turned gloomy in an instant. He stared at Lin Dong and a ferocious smile gradually surfaced on his face. He said, "Rejecting my kind offer. You really don't know your limits. Looks like I must let you understand what your status is in the ancient battlefield!"

"Capture this brat. I want to break every bone in his body one at a time!" Wang Lie ordered sinisterly.

"Understood!"

The ten people behind Wang Lie immediately replied with savage smiles after hearing Wang Lie's sinister voice. Soon after, powerful

Yuan Power ripples erupted.

Swoosh Swoosh!

The ten figures rushed forward. Meanwhile, their powerful aura directly surrounded and charged at Lin Dong.

A fierce aura immediately emerged from Little Flame's eyes when he saw them attacking. Before he was about to attack however, he was suddenly stopped by Lin Dong.

“Devouring World!”

Lin Dong's eyes were icy cold. He placed his hands together and formed a black curtain which swept open instantly. In an instant, it covered the entire training platform.

“Little Marten, can you find the hidden formation on this training platform and activate it?” Lin Dong asked in his heart when he activated his Devouring World.

“Aye.” Little Marten replied before transforming into a red glow and rushed out.

“Little Flame, do it. Beat them to death!” Lin Dong once again turned towards the Devouring World. At this moment, the people from the Sky Eagle Empire who were trapped within it were attacked randomly from every direction. Lin Dong immediately parted the corner of his mouth and revealed his dense white teeth.

“Yes!”

Little Flame nodded heavily. An ominous glow was revealed in his eyes. He held the metal rod and darted out. Just as Little Flame is about to dash into the Devouring World, Lin Dong’s mind moved before a thin light film of Devouring Force was formed on the surface of Little Flame’s body. By doing so, Little Flame’s energy would not be drained even in the Devouring World.

Lin Dong shook his sleeves as he looked at Little Flame grabbing the metal rod and charging into the Devouring World while steaming with killing intent. With Lin Dong’s current strength, the Devouring World which he activated could trap a Nirvana Stage expert. However, he was barely able to trap a one Yuan Nirvana Stage expert like Wang Lie. Nevertheless, with Little Flame personally entertaining the latter, it was likely that he would not be able to divert his attention to destroy his Devouring World. He and his Blood Soul Puppet would naturally properly entertain the remaining people.

Within the Devouring World, Wang Lie was also shocked by this sudden strange black scene that had emerged. However, this fellow was still a one Yuan Nirvana Stage expert. Immediately, he cried out loud, “There is no need to panic. We will attack together. Regardless of what this thing it, let’s tear it apart!”

Wang Lie’s voice had just sounded out when a black coloured metal rod, that carried a frightening strength, appeared from within the darkness in front of him. It violently struck his body in a swift lightning like manner.

Clang!

A metallic sound rang out. In the next instant, Wang Lie's body was forced back in a miserable manner while the blood in his body raged. In his shock, he hurriedly circulated some Yuan Power to protect his body. His eyes swept in all directions. All that entered his eyes, however, was darkness. Even his senses have been disabled in this place.

Bang Bang Bang!

The only thing that Wang Lie could hear within this darkness was the muffled sound of fist meeting flesh from all directions. After that, was the miserable cries of his subordinates.

“Asshole, what exactly is this thing? Lin Dong, you cowardly mouse. If you have the guts, reveal yourself and fight with me!”

An incomparable stifled injustice covered Wang Lie's heart. He was not afraid of being beaten. However, he was afraid of this kind of situation where he was already seriously injured without even being able to see the other party.

“What can you do even if I reveal myself?” Lin Dong's cold laughter suddenly sounded beside Wang Lie's ears after the latter's voice sounded. The latter threw a punch forward as a reflex action but he only struck the air.

“Bang!”

Wang Lie’s fist missed but a wind in front of him suddenly arrived. Immediately, it violently swung on his face in a ruthless manner. Immediately, his face had become distorted and blood flowed from his nose.

“Clang!”

Before Wang Lie could hurriedly retreat after taking a punch on his face, a metal rod was once again extended from the darkness. It ruthlessly smashed his arm and the piercing sound of bone cracking was emitted.

“Withdraw, withdraw from this place!”

The continuous attacks within the darkness finally forced Wang Lie until the point where his body began to crumble. After which, he could only ignored the incmoing forcewind and use his body to forcefully withstand the blows. Finally, he identified a direction and charged out with all his might.

This Devouring World that Lin Dong had opened was not too big. Hence, after Wang Lie’s group charged around wildly, the darkness finally disappeared. Immediately, a glaring light appeared in their eyes.

“You actually dare to learn from others and act so arrogantly with this little ability? You ignorant fool...”

Lin Dong's faint mocking voice was transmitted into the ears of Wang Lie's group the instant they charged out of the Devouring World, with injuries all over their bodies. Wang Lie was so furious that he ended up vomiting a mouthful of blood. He immediately turned his head with ferocious eyes and looked at the training platform. At this moment, Lin Dong was smiling while he stared at him.

"Set up the formation. I want this little bastard to die here today!" Wang Lie's nearly unrestrained roar suddenly sounded in the face of Lin Dong's smiling face. He really could not accept this stifling scene. After all, they did not even managed to touch Lin Dong's, yet they ended up being beaten until such a miserable state. If news of this incident spread, they would really lose all the face of their Sky Eagle Empire.

The ashen faced experts from the Sky Eagle Empire hurriedly spread apart upon hearing Wang Lie's roar. However, just as they were about to set up a formation and attack Lin Dong, they saw that the training platform had suddenly trembled. After which, numerous bright red light curtain rose. In an instant, they formed a dense light barrier that completely covered the training platform...

"This is..." The experts from the Sky Eagle Empire watched this scene with stunned expressions. They were able to sense an extremely powerful ripple from the bright red light curtain.

"Big brother Wang Lie, they seemed to have activated the training platform's hidden formation..." An expert from the Sky

Eagle Empire muttered. They were also aware of some information related to the Pill River. Naturally, they understood just how powerful the defence formation in this place was.

“Guard this place. I don’t believe that they won’t come out. Additionally, send a message and call the allies of the Sky Eagle Empire and the Devil Cliff Empire over. I want to wait until this brat comes out and give him a big gift!”

Wang Lie’s face was distorted. His roaring voice violently reverberated across this Pill River.

Chapter 494: Attacking the Nirvana Stage

A bright red light barrier rose on the training platform, enveloping it entirely. Meanwhile, powerful ripples repeatedly spread from within the light barrier, giving it an extremely stable feeling.

This Pill River was a place the ancient sects left for their disciples to use. Hence, the defensive structures in this place was quite powerful. If one did not open it, even if Wang Lie and the others went crazy, it would not be the slightest bit affected.

Lin Dong's gaze swept over those bright red light barrier. His eyes also revealed a satisfied expression. Some envy also appeared in his heart when he sensed the great strength of this formation. Those disciples from the ancient sect were truly fortunate. Not only did they have an envious training ground like the Pill River but they also possessed such a powerful protection.

“Although this formation is a little incomplete, it can still be barely used.” Little Marten also flashed and appeared at this moment. After which, it patted its claws and said.

Lin Dong nodded. Next, he directly sat in the middle of the training platform. Following the activation of the light barrier, he could clearly sense the viscous Nirvana Qi surging out from within the Pill River had become a lot more sparse. It even reached a point where a person could absorb it. This was likely as a result of the formation.

Little Flame also withdrew his metal rod and sat down beside Lin Dong. His gaze was somewhat fiery hot as he glanced in every direction. The Nirvana Qi that permeated this place appeared to be endless. Currently, he was at half-step-to Nirvana Stage. It was a period where he needed large amount of Nirvana Qi. Hence, this place was clearly a rare treasure ground to him. If he was to train in this place, he would likely be able to greatly reduce the time he needed to reach the second Nirvana Tribulation.

“These fellows seems unwilling to leave things as it is.” Little Marten looked at the light barrier. Although, it was unable to see the situation outside at the moment, it was still able to imagine just how noisy things was outside.

“There is no need to bother about them.” Lin Dong smiled faintly. Currently, he did not wish to delay his precious time because of these fellows. He did not care about what kind of activity they wanted to do outside. Once he successfully broke through to the Nirvana Stage and endured a Nirvana Tribulation, the so-called Wang Lie and the others would just be like ants to him.

This was Lin Dong’s confidence. When he was just half-step-to Nirvana Stage, he was already able to exchange blows with experts, who had endured a Nirvana Tribulation. If he was to also advance to that level, an ordinary one Yuan Nirvana Stage expert would not even be worthy of his attention. At that time, he would even be able to face that Yan Sen of unknown origin, whom he had met earlier on.

Only by reaching that step would he truly possess the

qualification to fight for the various treasures within the Ancient Secret Trove.

“Little Marten, I will leave the rest to you.” Lin Dong smiled towards Little Marten. Only after seeing that the latter had nodded his head, did Lin Dong inhale a deep breath of air. After which, he slowly shut his eyes. An excitement surged in his heart. He was finally about to reach this step...

Lin Dong gradually suppressed the excitement in his heart. A thought flashed past and a circular black hole swiftly spread out from behind his head. Currently, this training platform was covered by a formation. Additionally, both Little Marten and Little Flame were individuals closest to him and knew a lot of Lin Dong's secrets. Hence, there was little need for Lin Dong to hide anything. He directly pushed his Devouring Ancestral Symbol to its maximum.

Bang bang!

As that black hole slowly extended, waves after waves of Devouring Force erupted like a vast flood. Little Flame and Little Marten were quite surprised when they saw the dense Nirvana Strength that permeated over this training platform, transforming into waves of bright red light pillar that pouring unceasingly into the black hole behind Lin Dong's head.

Hua hua hua!

The clothes on Lin Dong's body moved in the absence of wind,

emitting a fluttering sound while these majestic Nirvana Qi poured in. One could vaguely see numerous slight bright red glow swiftly wiggling under his skin.

Lin Dong's strength was already at the peak of the half foot into the Nirvana Stage. Hence, he had already possessed the qualification to charge into the Nirvana Stage. However, he had been suppressing it. This was because he understood that attacking the Nirvana Stage was similar to building the foundation of a house. The more solid the foundation, the more advantageous it would be for him in the future. He would naturally not dare to randomly perform such an important step. At this moment, he possessed an unlimited amount of Nirvana Qi in this place. Therefore, he was able to fearlessly establish an incomparable firm foundation in this place.

A great amount of Nirvana Qi wildly poured into Lin Dong's body. A heat also quietly spread out from within his body. Even the air outside of his body had become a little boiling hot.

Upon sensing the heat that was gradually spreading from his body, Lin Dong knew that the Nirvana Qi within had gradually reached the limit which he could support. However, this situation did not cause Lin Dong to panic. A thought passed through his mind and the surface of his body became to emit threads of gold coloured light. Moments later, his entire body was covered within the golden light.

Lesser Nirvana Golden Body.

The current Lesser Nirvana Golden Body had clearly already been

practiced by Lin Dong until he reached full mastery. If one was to describe it, it would likely not be inferior to a genuine Nirvana Golden Body. In fact, it was probably difficult to find someone within the same stage, who was even stronger than Lin Dong.

Since he possessed an object that far exceeded that of any ordinary half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner, the danger of breaking into the Nirvana Stage was clearly reduced to the minimum for Lin Dong.

Everything appeared to be as a matter of course and was extremely smooth.

Little Flame in the outside world had also started training. There was also numerous black glow being emitted from within his body. The surface of this black glow faintly formed a black coloured enormous tiger. The enormous tiger roared towards the sky and an enormous suction force was erupted. The force repeatedly sucked the powerful Nirvana Strength from around.

Although Little Flame's absorption speed could not be compared with Lin Dong who possessed the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, it similarly far exceeded the expert of the same stage. No matter how one put it, the current Little Flame possess the bloodline of the Heavenly Devil Tiger. Furthermore, thanks to his mutated body, he was exceptionally powerful. As such, he was also able to withstand such a wild absorption rate.

Standing beside him, Little Marten was also a little envious as he looked at Lin Dong and Little Flame who were absorbing the Nirvana Strength in this wanton manner. It was in its spiritual

form. Therefore, even if it trained, the effects would be extremely limited. As such, if it wanted to make significant progress, it would need to have a body...

“This time around, I must obtain that Samsara pill!” Little Marten clenched its teeth. The feeling of watching Lin Dong’s and Little Flame’s strength gradually surpassing it was not a good one. After all, it was a genius in the Celestial Demon Marten race and was quite a renowned existence even in the Demon City. However, it had currently fallen into this state. Given its pride, how would it be able to endure it?

“Once I recover my strength, I must search for those bastards who had launched a sneak attack on me back then. Damnit, do you really think that Grandpa Marten doesn’t know who you are, just because you have hid your aura and face?”

A shocking fierceness and traces of blood suddenly climbed within Little Marten’s eyes as it recalled how it died back then.

“Since you dare attack this grandfather Marten, I will definitely repay you with a price that is a thousand times greater!”

The scene back then had nearly cause Little Marten to completely perish. If it were not for the fact that it decisively self-destructed at the last moment and hid his damaged demon spirit into the Stone Talisman, it was likely that it would no longer exist in this world.

All of these years, if it had not chanced upon Lin Dong,, it was likely that it would still be hiding within the Stone Talisman at

this moment. Moreover, his demon spirit would completely scatter with the passage of time.

All of these formed a genuine blood feud. Based on its character, it would naturally seek to get even.

Little Marten exhaled a couple of ragged breath from its mouth. Only then did it gradually hid the surging fierceness and killing intent in his heart. After which, he glanced at Lin Dong, whose strength was climbing before a slight joy appeared in his eyes. At this rate, Lin Dong would be able to breakthrough until the Nirvana Stage not long in the future and attempt the Nirvana Tribulation.

“Little fellow, it is entirely up to you whether Grandpa marten can recover my physical body... Although you might have great potential, you are currently demand respect from Grandfather marten. Once you truly surpass me, it is likely not a problem if you really want to be the big brother...” Little Marten stared at Lin Dong. Its eyes were a little complicated as it parted its mouth and laughed.

Time flew past while Lin Dong was training. Two days had passed within the blink of an eye. However, there was still no activity on the training platform. Clearly Lin Dong and Little Flame had entered into a deep training state.

The Pill River outside of the training state was extremely noisy while this training platform was serene. This was an attractive part of the Ancient Treasure Trove. Moreover, due to the area being too big, it was difficult for him to avoid attracting attention.

Hence, after more and more experts hurried over to this place during these two days, all of their faces were filled with shock upon seeing that vast Pill River. Soon after, however, their surprise turned into regret. This was because they discovered that the Nirvana Strength within the Pill River was too viscous. An ordinary person would not dare to directly absorb it. Moreover, the Pill River had countless number of Pill Spirit Corpse which were extremely troublesome. Once they walked nearby the river, they would immediately be attacked.

This discovery made one feel like vomiting blood. They were just like hungry individuals who had been starving for more than ten days before discovering a pile of delicious food. Just as they were just about to pounce on it, they were told that the food had a lethal poison, causing them to feel depressed at being able to see but not eat.

However, a person's intelligence ultimately reigned supreme. After experiencing a period of regret, someone discovered the hidden training platform within the Pill River. It seemed that one would be able to absorb a great amount of scattered Nirvana Strength if one trained there.

An uproar was undoubtedly stirred upon this discovery. Soon after, the area above the Pill River became incomparable lively. Every training platform would spark an extremely intense and cruel battle for it.

While countless number of snatching miserable battles erupted over the Pill River, the place outside of the training platform

where Lin Dong was located had already unknowingly been surrounded by a large group of people. At the middle of these people was surprisingly Wang Lie who was revealing a deep and solemn expression. Clearly, it was just as Little Marten has described. This fellow would not simply let things go!

Chapter 495: Arrival of the Double Tribulations

From time to time, human figures swept past the mighty and vast Pill River, but quickly after, countless bright red human figures would charge out from within the river, causing numerous chaotic battles to continuously erupt in quick succession at various places along the river.

Evidently, the opening of the Ancient Treasure Trove this time around had completely broken the countless years of peaceful silence within this dimension and caused it to become increasingly chaotic.

At this moment, a large group of humans had gathered at a certain edge of the Pill River. Their gazes contained some cold smile as they stared at the Pill River in front of them. That place was being covered by an extremely dense bright red circular light barrier. Meanwhile, the circular light was emitting a powerful energy ripple.

These human figures wore different clothes. The empire's badge on their chest were also completely different. Clearly, they originated from different empires.

“Wang Lie, that brat called Lin Dong is really hiding inside this thing?” A skinny man amongst the crowd swept over the training platform with sinister eyes before turning his head to the person by his side and asked.

“Yes, I personally saw him enter. Brother Chen Ku, doesn’t your Corpse Empire like Spiritual Puppets? That brat just happens to be in possession of a grade one Spiritual Puppet. If you are able to obtain it, it would definitely be of a great help.” Wang Lie smilingly said.

“A Grade one Spiritual Puppet huh?” A greedy expression involuntarily flashed across the face of the man called Chen Ku upon hearing this. Immediately he smiled darkly and said, “I heard that that brat is actually also a Heaven Symbol Master. I really wish to challenge him and see if he is as strong as rumoured.”

“Haha, looks like brother Chen Ku really thinks highly of Lin Dong. You have endured a Wind Lightning Tribulation and you are a genuine one seal Heaven Symbol Master. I heard that brat has only advanced to Heaven Symbol Master for a short while. How can he be compared to you?” A foolish-looking large man was standing on the other side of Wang Lie. At this moment, his face was wearing a foolish smile that caused him to look stupid. However, anyone who knew him understood that this person was vicious. Despite his appearance, there were already countless number of people who had died at his hands.

“Hehe, Zheng Hei Zhu, don’t try this in front of me. It is rumoured that this brat had even wounded Shi Kun from the Devil Cliff Empire. Furthermore, he is in possession of countless number of trump cards. I would not foolishly go and find trouble with him.” That Chen Ku parted his mouth and laughed.

“The two of you need not argue. That brat does indeed has some ability but the three of us are experts who have stepped into one

Yuan Nirvana Stage. Moreover, we have so many Nirvana experts under us. If we were to join forces, regardless of what trump card that brat possess, he will definitely fail to escape alive. After we kill him, not only will the Spiritual Puppet belong to us, but we will also be able to occupy this training platform. If we train here, we will not have to worry about having insufficient Nirvana Pills and we might even be able to try attacking the second Nirvana Tribulation in this place.” Wang Lie waved his hand and laughed.

“This training platform is indeed not bad.”

Although Chen Ku and Zheng Hei Zhu were noncommittal about the matter of attacking the second Nirvana Tribulation which Wang Lie had mentioned, their gazes lit up when they looked at the training platform that was covered by the bright red circular barrier. Currently, the surroundings of the Pill River were filled with crazy battles because of the training platform. If they were to join forces, it was likely that they would be able to occupy this place. Just thinking of the benefits at that time excited them.

“Moreover, I have also sent people to invite the Devil Cliff Empire. Currently, that Shi Kun is attacking the second Nirvana Tribulation. With his ability, he has a seventy percent chance of successfully enduring it. At that time, he would be a genuine two Yuan Nirvana Stage expert. Given his grudge with Lin Dong, he would definitely be the first to attack Lin Dong. Hence, this brat will definitely have not survive this time around!”

“Oh? Shi Kun is attacking the second Nirvana Tribulation?”

A shock expression appeared in the eyes of Chen Ku and Zheng

Hei Zhu when they heard this. They were people who had personally experienced the tribulation and naturally clearly understood that each tribulation was more frightening than before. With their current ability, they would very likely be directly incinerated to death if they tried to attack the second Nirvana Tribulation. Hence, their hearts were all filled with envy when they heard that Shi Kun had the confidence to endure the second Nirvana Tribulations.

“That Lin Dong had caused the reputation of the Devil Cliff Empire to greatly fall. Shi Kun has already hated him to the core. Hehe, it must be said that this fellow is overly arrogant. He only has a little ability, yet he goes around and create enemies. This time around, I will see how he can hide!”

Wang Lie’s eyes were vicious as he stared at the training platform that was covered by a bright red light circle. The savage smile on the corner of his mouth was extremely terrifying. It seems like he had already saw the relieving scene of Lin Dong trembled violently under his feet in the not too distant future...

Brat, I dare you to hide in the training platform for the rest of your life like a tortoise!

While the outside of the Pill River had descended into a chaotic big battle, the training platform that Lin Dong was on, was just like a sacred land, which was quiet and peaceful. There was not the slightest chaos that originated from the violence outside.

Lin Dong quietly sat at the middle of the training platform. The Nirvana Qi lingered all around his body and actually emitted a

faint water flow like sound. From this, it was possible to tell just what kind of frightening degree the Nirvana Qi in this place had reached.

The pores all over Lin Dong's body suddenly emitted a bright gold light while he was covered by the dense bright red Nirvana Qi. Under the shine of the bright gold light, it seemed that the flesh, bones and even internal organs all over his body seemed to have been constructed from gold, as they emitted a strong indestructible feeling.

Nirvana Golden Body!

This was the true indicator of a Nirvana expert. It used the Nirvana Qi to refine one's physical body, refining each and every single part of it, both on the inside and outside until its limit. Following which, it would strengthen the physical body until quite a powerful stage.

Once the Nirvana Golden Body was formed, not only would one's defence greatly soar but one's strength, speed etc would also soar. This was a genuine transformation.

The most important reason why Nirvana Stage experts were being able to look down on the Creation Stage experts was not because their Yuan Power was even more powerful, but because they possessed the powerful Nirvana Golden Body. Under the protection of the Nirvana Golden Body, they could basically ignore all the attacks by someone at the Creation Stage. Of course, this was not absolute. After all, in this world, there would also be people like Lin Dong who could not be measured by common

sense.

However, looking from a majority point of view, the Creation Stage or even someone at half-step-to Nirvana Stage would not have the slightest chance of victory when facing a Nirvana Stage expert who possessed a genuine Nirvana Golden Body.

“Has he successfully advanced into the Nirvana Stage?!” Little Marten looked at Lin Dong, whose entire body was emitting a bright golden glow. Even the blood flowing in the latter’s body was also mixed with golden colour, before joy flashed across Little Marten eyes. If an ordinary person attacked the Nirvana Stage, they would have a chances of failure. However, this clearly did not apply to Lin Dong. Although the Nirvana Qi which he absorbed within these two days, would at least be equivalent to more than two million Nirvana Pills, Lin Dong was able to rely on his strong physical body to forcefully endure this enormous Nirvana Qi, which was sufficient to cause many people to self-destruct.

This advancement appeared to be just like a matter of course and everything was extremely smooth. In fact, he did not even meet the slightest obstruction along the way.

This was the unleashing of firm and solid foundation.

With Lin Dong’s strength, he had long possessed the qualifications to attack the Nirvana Stage. However, he chose to suppress it. Currently, the potential from the former suppression has been completely unleashed, eliminating the powerful obstruction of the Nirvana Tribulation.

A wave of unusually powerful aura gradually spread out from Lin Dong's body. Finally, it drifted within the bright red circular glow. This aura was definitely many times stronger than before.

Even Lin Dong himself was uncertain of how great an amount of Nirvana Qi he had absorbed during the advancement to the Nirvana Stage. In any case, he had directly activated the Devouring Ancestral Symbol to its greatest capacity and wildly swallowed the endless supply of Nirvana Qi from around him. At the end, he only gradually stopped after his physical body felt difficult to continue enduring despite the its strength.

According to Lin Dong's rough estimate, the Nirvana Qi which he had absorbed should have exceeded a frightening two million Nirvana Pills. If this news was to spread, it would definitely spark quite a great uproar. Everyone knew that the more Nirvana Qi one absorbed when one charge to the Nirvana Stage, the better it was. However, there was similarly a limit. This limit was the extent to which your physical body could endure.

Even the strong like Shi Kun from the Devil Cliff Empire could only endure around eight hundred thousand Nirvana Pills worth of Nirvana Qi. However, the amount which Lin Dong could currently endure was a couple of times more than Shi Kun.

“Hu!”

A cluster of air that faintly contained a gold coloured was exhaled from Lin Dong's nose. His tightly shut eyes were also suddenly

opened at this moment. A golden glow was revealed in his eyes. Looking from a distance, it looked like a pair of furious golden eyes that revealed a great sternness.

“Nirvana Stage!”

Lin Dong’s fist slowly tightened. A frightening strength rippled within his body. He could sense that by just relying on his current strength, it was already sufficient to fight with Shi Kun!

The millions of Nirvana Pills worth of Nirvana Qi was not a trifle matter!

However, this was not the level which he had hoped for. He had previously said that once he had advanced to the Nirvana Stage, he would attack the feared Nirvana Tribulation!

Little Martern clearly seemed to have understood something when it saw the wild and heated expression that was suddenly revealed on Lin Dong’s face. Its body immediately withdrew quickly.

“Nirvana Tribulation. Let me see just how frightening you are!”

Lin Dong’s eyes were wild and hot. A low roar sounded as a thought passed through his mind. Bright golden glow abruptly erupted from within his body. After which, a frightening ripple swiftly spread out from within Lin Dong’s body.

Under this frightening ripple, Lin Dong body suddenly trembled despite its strength. A little white smoke rose from his skin.

Little Marten retreated to a far distance. It clicked its mouth as it looked at the bright redness that appeared on Lin Dong's skin. It knew that the interior of the latter's body was already currently in complete chaos.

“Bang Bang!”

While Little Marten was withdrawing and preparing to watch how Lin Dong would endure this Nirvana Tribulation, its expression suddenly changed. It abruptly raised its head. At this moment, dark clouds had suddenly gathered in the sky above this training platform

“This is... Heaven Symbol Master's Wind Lightning Tribulation?”

Little Marten's eyes suddenly shrunk as it looked at the dark clouds and lightning being slowly gathered. Clearly, it did not expect that the Wind Lightning Tribulation of the Heaven Symbol Master had actually arrived concurrently with the Nirvana Tribulation!

Chapter 496: Explosion Of Reserves

Nirvana Practitioners are divided into nine stages, while Heavenly Symbol Masters are split into ten seals....

Nirvana stage practitioners have something that they fear just like a fearsome tiger, yet have no choice but to attempt it: Nirvana Tribulation. For Heavenly Symbol Masters, there is something similar that they love and fear at the same time, that is the Wind Lightning Trial.

Mental Energy intrinsically possess the ability to manipulate the heavens. Therefore, after one advances to Heavenly Symbol Master, once one's Mental Energy reaches a certain level, it will invoke the Wind Lightning Trial.

This was a powerful energy source formed from wind and lightning. Once the Wind Lightning Trial materializes, the person undergoing the trial will have his Mental Energy involuntarily sucked out, before it will be cleansed by that wind and lightning. If one is able to survive, one's Mental Energy would naturally become much more powerful and solidified. However, if one fails to survive, the instant one's Mental Energy has been dispersed by that wind and lightning, the consequences would be as severe as that of a failed Nirvana Tribulation.

“Nirvana Tribulation and Wind Lightning Trail arriving at the same time. Heh, the way this kid does things is really different from everyone else.” Little Marten stared at that Wind Lightning Trial that was materializing, before it glanced at Lin Dong, who had now shut his eyes and was trying to withstand the Nirvana

Tribulation. Following which, it involuntarily chuckled with a slightly gloating expression.

Little Marten is extremely well experienced and this is not the first time he had met a person like Lin Dong, who trained in both Mental Energy and Yuan Power. Typically speaking, most of them would try to avoid undergoing both trials together. That was because these two trials, one came from within, while the other came from outside. Due to this dual pronged attack, it was extremely easy for a mishap to occur.

The consequences caused by a mishap was naturally extremely severe. If one was negligent, it would not be a surprise for one to self destruct.

In the middle of the cultivation stage, the Nirvana Tribulation within his body had evidently erupted forth. Furthermore, Lin Dong could see that the instant the Wind Lightning Trail appeared, Lin Dong's panicked for a moment, before he quickly stabilized himself.

“Is Big Brother alright?”

Right now, Little Flame, who was training beside him, opened up his eyes, before he started worryingly at this sight and asked.

“Don't worry. Even though it is a little troubling to have both trials occurring at the same time, this kid is not simpleton. He won't perish so easily.” Little Marten casually replied.

Little Flame gently nodded his head. With regards to Lin Dong, he had full confidence in him. After all, over all these years, regardless of what opponents they faced, the one who had the final laugh, was always the insignificant-looking Lin Dong.

“How much progress have you made on the Heavenly Devil God Transformation?” Little Marten looked at Little Flame, before it suddenly asked.

“I have already mastered the first act. This martial arts is extremely powerful...” Little Flame scratched his head. The more he practised this Heavenly Devil God Transformation, the more he realized how extraordinary this martial arts is.

“So you mastered the first act?” Little Marten lifted its eyebrows before it spoke without any expression on its face. However, currently, it felt shocked inside its heart. That was because it was completely aware of the full calibre of the martial arts Heavenly Devil God Transformation. Even in the Heavenly Devil Tiger clan, it was considered as top tier.

In the Heavenly Devil Tiger clan, even those clansmen who possessed pure Heavenly Devil Tiger bloodline had to expend a huge amount of effort in order to master the Heavenly Devil God Transformation. However, right now, Little Flame had managed to master the first act within a month’s time. If the Heavenly Devil Tiger clan knew about his progress, it would surely lead to a major commotion.

“Indeed a rare mutated physical body...” Little Marten muttered to himself while he sighed. Meanwhile, it became increasingly

expectant of Little Flame's future progress.

“Boom! Boom!”

Just as Little Marten and Little Flame conversed, the rain clouds in mid-air had already materialized. While thunder rumbled, a peculiar suction force suddenly erupted forth.

Thanks to this suction force, Little Marten and Little Flame instantly saw a glowing beam suddenly explode from Lin Dong's Niwan Palace. Following which, an illusionary figure suddenly arose before it hovered above Lin Dong's head.

This illusory figure was naturally Lin Dong's Mental Energy body. Right now, he lifted his head before he glanced helplessly at the rain clouds. Following which, he looked down below him. Currently, his body was completely red and it seemed like he was about to explode in flames. At the same time, terrifying shockwaves continuously emerged from his body.

“Hehe, kid, you are truly unfortunate. Now that your Mental Energy body has been dragged out, how are you going to handle the Nirvana Tribulation within your body?” Little Marten stared at Lin Dong's Mental Energy body, which had been forcefully ripped out from his body, before it asked with a gloating smile.

Lin Dong gently smiled and he did not panic. Instead, he calmly said: “This Nirvana Tribulation does not seem to present much of a threat towards me.”

“Oh?” Little Marten was a little shocked. Evidently, he did not know where Lin Dong’s confidence came from. Since his Mental Energy body has been forcefully dragged out of his body, his body was no longer under his control. Therefore, how could he withstand the Nirvana Tribulation that was about to erupt?

Little Marten’s doubts were quickly resolved when he saw a warm white glow spreading out from Lin Dong’s heart. That white glow was refreshing and gentle, yet it was extremely magical. Once that white glow spread out, Lin Dong’s red-hot body that was about to burst into flames quickly recovered some of its usual color.

“Is that... the Mysterious Stone Talisman?” When he saw that familiar white glow, Little Marten was stunned for a moment, before he asked in shock.

“Yes.” Lin Dong nodded his head. The Mysterious Stone Talisman is extremely magical and with it protecting his body, no matter how savage the Nirvana Tribulation is, it would not be able to destroy him. As such, he had sufficient time to handle the Wind Lightning Trial.

“Wah ah!”

In mid-air, rain clouds squirmed. In the next instance, a greyish silver lightning bolt carrying a tinge of wind lightning energy, suddenly ripped across the sky, before it violently struck against Lin Dong’s Mental Energy body.

Rumble!

A deep exploding noise erupted from Lin Dong's Mental Energy body. Immediately, he saw lightning sparks crackling on his illusionary body.

“Haha, even if two trials came together, they can do nothing to me!”

Lightning glow flowed over his whole body. While he was being sandwiched by these two major trials, the burning glint in his Lin Dong's eyes intensified. At the same time, the vigour in his heart surged as he gripped his palm. Promptly, a powerful Devouring Force erupted forth and wrapped itself around the lightning sparks that was corroding his Mental Energy body. Instantly, all of them were forcefully sucked into this Mental Energy body. As such, it caused his Mental Energy body to become increasingly solidified.

“Devouring Ancestral Symbol, appear now!”

Lin Dong took a step forward, before a dark hole-like ancestral symbol directly floated out from his forehead, before it slowly squirmed. Meanwhile, it gave off a terrifying Devouring Force.

Boom! Boom!

The storm clouds seemed to have been agitated by Lin Dong's greed. As the storm clouds rumbled, lightning bolts that were formed from wind lightning energy continuously rained down,

before they viciously struck Lin Dong's Mental Energy body.

As he faced those vicious lightning strikes, Lin Dong did not show any signs of retreating. Instead, he directly stretched out his arms, before he allowed those lightning bolts to strike his body.

Bang! Bang!

Lin Dong's Mental Energy body was continuously forced back due to those thunderbolts. Streams of resplendent lightning glow sparkled on his body. That savage force was powerful enough to destroy a Heavenly Symbol Master's Mental Energy.

“Devour it!”

If he was an ordinary Heavenly Symbol Master, he naturally would not dare to use his physical body to forcefully withstand these thunderbolts. However, Lin Dong had the Devouring Ancestral Symbol and he had no reason to fear. As he laughed heartily towards the sky, the Devouring Ancestral Symbol that was located out of his forehead began to squirm quickly. Meanwhile, an all-encompassing Devouring Force spread out, before all the lightning sparks on Lin Dong's body began to disappear at an alarming rate. Evidently, he had directly devoured all of them.

Thanks to his Devouring Force, Lin Dong's Mental Energy body quickly became solidified. Meanwhile, the Mental Energy vibrations became increasingly stronger.

Below him, when Little Marten and Little Flame saw this sight, they involuntarily marvelled him in their hearts. This Nirvana Tribulation and Wind Lightning Trial that was extremely terrifying for any ordinary individual did not seem to possess any threat towards Lin Dong.

Right now, Lin Dong had the Mysterious Stone Talisman guarding his body. That object is extremely mysterious and even Little Marten acknowledged it. With it around, the Nirvana Tribulation could not destroy Lin Dong.

With regards to the Wind Lightning Trial, even though they did not know about the future, it seems like the first Wind Lightning Trial could not handle the godly Devouring Ancestral Symbol.

Since Lin Dong possessed both the Mysterious Stone Talisman and the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, he could naturally handle the terrifying Nirvana Tribulation and Wind Lightning Trial!

“In this world, there are only a few individuals who can survive both trials so easily...” Little Marten shook his head regretfully. If other Nirvana stage practitioners and Heavenly Symbol Master saw how Lin Dong easily handled these terrifying trials, they would probably implode in jealousy...

Standing aside, Little Flame also nodded his head. After all, godly objects like the Mysterious Stone Talisman and Devouring Ancestral Symbol could not be possessed by any ordinary individuals...

“All we have to do now is wait for him to finish both trials. What a boring show. I thought that I could see him panicking...” Little Marten stretched his body. Originally, he thought that he would witness a much more thrilling show. However, the outcome turned out to be so disappointing...

Little Flame chuckled, before he sat down. Following which, he lifted his head before he stared at Lin Dong, who was now devouring thunderbolts.

While the two of them watched on, within the cultivation stage, thunder rumbled while burning waves arose. However, it seemed like that figure within was undergoing a metamorphosis, as he became increasingly powerful at a terrifying rate!

Chapter 497: Escalating Strength

The Nirvana Tribulation and Wind Lightning Tribulation continued for nearly half a day. Thunder boomed as waves of heat rippled from Lin Dong's body, causing the training platform to become extremely hot. Even the Nirvana Qi that permeated the place turned increasingly violent as a result.

The simultaneous arrival of these two types of great tribulations could indeed be considered an unfortunate and fatal matter to an ordinary practitioner. However, for Lin Dong who possessed the mysterious Stone Talisman and the Devouring Ancestral Symbol, it was merely an opportunity to greatly advance his strength.

Although Lin Dong still suffered a little because of the simultaneous arrival of the two tribulations, it was completely insignificant compared to the subsequent explosion in power.

Hence, as the sky gradually darkened, the wild undulations within the crimson barrier quietly weakened. In the end, they completely disappeared.

Lin Dong's body was quietly seated at the center of the training platform. At this moment, the golden glow on his body was completely concealed. Similarly, the wild and powerful aura from earlier had also accompanied the golden light and quietly hid itself deep within Lin Dong's body.

From the Lin Dong's gradually recovering skin colour as well as the now calm atmosphere, it was clear that Lin Dong had already

successfully overcome the Nirvana Tribulation and the Wind Lightning Tribulation.

Chi!

Lin Dong's tightly shut eyes suddenly opened. All of a sudden, lightning and wind flashed past. The air in front of Lin Dong had also exploded in that instant, unleashing a low ear-piercing blast.

“Creak.”

Lin Dong's fist was slowly tightened. As his muscles tensed, a strength that was several times stronger than before seeped out from every part of his body like oozing water from a sponge.

Lin Dong's fist clenched as he threw out a punch.

Bang!

The invisible air agglomerated under Lin Dong's fist in a flash, compressing itself into an invisible air cannonball that whizzed out. It forcefully smashed into the bright red barrier of light, causing tiny ripples to spread outwards.

If an ordinary Nirvana stage expert were to receive this punch, he would be at minimum seriously injured.

A thought passed through Lin Dong's mind as his fist was thrown

out. Majestic Mental Energy instantaneously gathered around him, moving his body to stand in mid-air. Lin Dong's hand widened a little. By relying on his powerful Mental Energy, he was able to sense the unceasing amount of Nirvana Qi that was surging in from outside of the crimson light barrier. He was even able to penetrate through the crimson light barrier and view everything outside of the Pill River in his mind.

At the same time, he naturally discovered Wang Lie and the others who were watching from outside of the training platform with ill intent. Immediately, the corners of Lin Dong's mouth gradually lifted to form a cold smile.

“Have you successfully passed?” Little Marten and Little Flame cast a somewhat joyful gaze at Lin Dong. Although they were already aware of the answer, they still could not help but ask.

“Yea.”

Lin Dong gently smiled and nodded. He could feel that his current strength really could not be compared with the strength he had previously. The one Yuan Nirvana Stage practitioners, whom he was originally a little afraid of, no longer posed any threat towards him.

The result obtained from the cumulation of his careful preparation this time had clearly far exceeded Lin Dong's expectations.

The current him already possessed the confidence to fight those

truly strong practitioners of the Ancient Battlefield. It would not be easy for even the mysterious and extremely strong Yan Sen from earlier to do as he pleased to Lin Dong, though Lin Dong admittedly did not have absolute confidence in defeating the former.

This was the confidence brought about by strength.

“Let’s go, the training here has come to an end. It is also time to completely resolve some minor troubles.” Lin Dong landed on the platform and smiled at Little Marten and Little Flame. The smile was filled with an chilling aura.

When his Mental Energy had spread out earlier, he had already become aware of the Wang Lie group’s actions. Lin Dong was a person who would not offend others unless others offended him first. Since the other party had already schemed against him, it was naturally illogical for him to just sit back and ignore this matter.

When they heard his words, Little Marten’s and Little Flame’s looked towards the outside of the bright red barrier. As if they had suddenly understood something, they immediately nodded their heads slowly.

Wang Lie and a large group of people were hovering in the midair at the edge of the Pill River. Their gazes were focused intently on a vaguely visible training platform covered by Nirvana Qi while impatience and viciousness flickered in their eyes.

“Does that Lin Dong really intend to train inside until this domain closes?” The gaunt face Chen Kun stared at the training platform with a dark and shadowy expression. His voice was already tinged with slight impatience. He had already waited for two days in this place. If this occurred during some ordinary time, they would not be concerned. However, this was the Ancient Treasure Trove. Everyone was going all out to search for treasures. Yet, they were so bitterly wasting their time here. Regardless of who it was, one would be quite unhappy in this situation.

The crowd nodded in agreement at this statement. The past two days of waiting had eroded the little patience most of them had.

“Brother Chen Ku, there is no need to be anxious. According to my information, the defensive formation of the training platform will not last for long and will automatically scatter after five days. This fellow won’t be able to hide for long.” Wang Lie hurriedly said when he saw everyone’s impatience.

“Moreover, as long as we capture that brat, we will obtain the Soul Puppet in his possession. Spending a little time for such a prize should be quite worthwhile.”

“Ke ke, that’s right. Additionally, won’t this training platform be ours once we finish off that brat? At that time, won’t all our losses be made up by training inside?” Zheng HeiZhu also laughed in a seemingly simple and honest manner. However, a cunning and vicious expression flashed deep within his eyes.

“Humph. In that case, we shall wait a little longer. That brat is really patient and is practically a tortoise. Once we capture him, I

will let him have a good taste of my methods.” Chen Ku’s expression became a little relaxed after hearing the words of the other two before he finally declared.

“Sure, anything brother Chen Ku says. When we capture that brat, you can decide how to deal with him.” Wang Lie’s lips cracked open into a smile while a sinister light flickered in his eyes.

Chen Ku nodded. Just as he closed his eyes to wait, his expression suddenly changed drastically. He suddenly turned towards the crimson barrier and smiled viciously, “Is he finally planning to come out?”

“Oh?” Wang Lie and Zheng HeiZhu suddenly became alert when they heard these words as their gazes hurriedly shifted towards the light barrier. Sure enough, they were indeed able to see that the light barrier that covering the training platform was becoming fainter at a rate visible to the naked eye.

“Ha ha, this brat is finally unable to wait no longer!”

Wang Lie involuntarily laughed at the sky when he saw this. The experts from the Sky Eagle Empire behind him also revealed excited expressions. They had waited here for a long time in order to finish Lin Dong off.

Currently, there were quite a number of people waiting around this area. Every single training platform on the Pill River was being eyed by quite a number of people and this place was no exception. However, the Sky Eagle Empire and two other high rank empires

had currently taken fancy to this place. Despite their desire, others knew that their chances of success would not be great even if they attacked. Hence, they had remained in this place merely to watch the show and to see if they had any opportunity to gain from the conflict.

Over the past two days, they were clearly aware that Wang Lie's group was waiting in this place for Lin Dong to emerge and had also heard of Lin Dong's name. Their first impression of this fellow was that he was really a troublemaker. Having recently offended the Devil Cliff Empire, he had now once again offended another similarly powerful empire, the Sky Eagle Empire, mere moments after entering the Ancient Treasure Trove.

Now, the Sky Eagle Empire had gathered its allies and quite a number of renown experts. Clearly, they did not intend to give Lin Dong the opportunity to flee. Hence, everyone understood that the moment Lin Dong left the training platform he would likely meet his demise in this Pill River.....

It was due to this that an expression of pity was revealed in their eyes as they watched the crimson light barrier gradually fade away.

“Ke ke, what are you all so happy about. Why not tell me and let me laugh about it with all of you?”

The crimson light barrier became increasingly faint. A moment later, it finally disappeared. Two figures appeared before everyone's eyes. Meanwhile, a soft laughter echoed from the training platform.

“You will know immediately whether you should laugh or cry. Lin Dong, this Pill River will be the place where you die today!”

A fierce glow surged in Wang Lie’s eyes as he stared intently at the figures that had appeared from behind the crimson light barrier. In that instant, he could faintly sense that there was something different about these two figures compared to two days ago. However, this was only a fleeting feeling which he did bother investigating. No matter what, the men from their three high ranked empires were all gathered here today. Moreover, there were three genuine one Yuan Nirvana Stage practitioners present. In the face of such a lineup, it was likely that Lin Dong would have difficulty escaping death even if he was superhuman!

“Brother Chen Ku, Brother Hei Zhu, let’s attack!”

Wang Lie released a stern cry, as though he was afraid that Lin Dong would turn around and flee. He did not give Lin Dong any time to reply as he charged forward.

“Heh heh, brat. We have waited so long. Obediently hand over the Soul Puppet of yours!”

Chen Ku’s gaze was filled with greed as he stared at Lin Dong. His already impatient self had rushed out the instant Wang Lie’s voice sounded out. Powerful Mental Power gathered and whistled around his body.

The last person was the seemingly simple and honest Zheng

HeiZhu. He was cautious by nature, and thus, even at such a moment, he would not be charging at the frontlines. His many years of experience had caused him to vaguely feel a little uneasy.

However, this kind of feeling was similarly not investigated too deeply by Zheng HeiZhu. One reason was that there was no time while another was..... this lineup of theirs was indeed rather overwhelming. Although he did not dare to declare that there was no risk at all, they had a ninety percent chance of finishing Lin Dong off!

Hence, Zheng HeiZhu shook his head and tossed aside the little bit of unease he had felt. He chuckled sinisterly before rushing out in front of the many pitying gazes that were directed at Lin Dong.

Three powerful one Yuan Nirvana stage practitioners were attacking at the same time. Everyone understood what this meant. Perhaps, from today forth, Lin Dong, who already possessed some fame within the north-western region, would disappear in this Ancient Battlefield. In the future, no one would remember the brightness that he had once shined with.

After all, this world was the stage of the strong. A loser could only completely fade from this world along with the flow of time.

Chapter 498: Overwhelming

Xiu Xiu!

Three figures rushed through the air like ghosts as waves of abnormally vigorous undulations burst out from within their bodies. In the face of such undulations, even the thick Nirvana Qi around the training platform was slightly scattered.

The simultaneous attack of three one Yuan Nirvana experts was exceedingly powerful. Clearly, the Wang Lie trio were inwardly not completely unafraid of Lin Dong. Moreover, Wang Lie had also personally tasted the terrible might of Lin Dong's Devouring World previously. If they were to be trapped within, their battle power would fall drastically.

Hence, trio went all out in their attack, the Yuan Power within their bodies pushed to the maximum output. Evidently, they were planning to finish off Lin Dong instantly.

“Clang!”

Behind Lin Dong, a fierce glow flashed across Little Flame's eyes when he saw the three people charging at Lin Dong in a torrential manner. The black metal rod in his hand smashed heavily onto the ground as the scales all over it rippled and flickered with a chilling light.

“There is no need to intervene.” However, just as Little Flame was preparing to move, Lin Dong smiled and waved his hand

before slowly stepping forward under the crowd's watching eyes.

“Is this fellow actually thinking of relying on his own strength alone to deal with three one Yuan Nirvana Stage experts?”

“His boldness is truly so great that it could cover the heavens. When he was at the Ancient Hall, he was only able to end up in a draw against Shi Xuan despite having used all his power. Each of these three individuals here now are stronger than Shi Xuan!”

“Heh, it is hard to say. Ever since I first heard of this fellow, his actions have always been really difficult to understand with common sense. Who knows if he has some other tactics this time.”

This seemingly arrogant action of Lin Dong had undoubtedly given rise to some private conversations around the Pill River. Many of those present had heard of Lin Dong's strength, and it was due to this that they felt surprised that Lin Dong had been able to contend against the Devil Cliff Empire. Yet, it was not just a single person who was attacking now. Instead, there were three genuine one Yuan Nirvana stage experts!”

Similarly, the attacking Wang Lie was momentarily stunned by Lin Dong's actions, but soon after, a wild joy revealed itself on his face. If Lin Dong were to allow Little Flame to intervene, he would perhaps have to struggle for a while. However, this fellow had actually voluntarily stepped forward by himself. It was clear as day that he intended to face the three of them alone.

“Kill him!”

Chen Ku let out a low roar as a viciousness look flashed across his sinister face. It would be a waste not to take up such an opportunity after it had been delivered right to their doorstep.

However, the skeptical Zheng HeiZhu reacted differently from the others. His eyes flickered intensely as the slight trace of unease that had originally vaguely existed in his heart seemed to rapidly grow.

His eyes were firmly fixed onto the slowly advancing Lin Dong. The latter's face did not show even the slightest bit of panic due to their attack. Instead, there was a somewhat eager expression on it.

“Sky Eagle Mountain Shattering Claw!”

“Dark Demonic Corpse Howl!”

Wang Lie and Chen Ku had already unleashed their extremely powerful martial art killing moves with fiendish looks on their faces while thoughts flashed across Zheng HeiZhu's mind. Immediately, wild and violent Yuan Power abruptly swept outwards above the Pill River.

“He is but a brat from a low ranked empire. What is there to be afraid of?”

There was already no way to back out at this juncture. Zheng HeiZhu's eyes suddenly turned cold as he gritted his teeth while

Yuan Power gushed out from within his body.

“Tyrant Bear of the Barrens!”

Zheng HeiZhu obviously did not show any mercy when he attacked, directly unleashing the strongest martial art he knew. His fist shot out as formidable Yuan Power agglomerated into an enormous ancient bear that roared at the sky. With an incomparably ferocious fist aura, it ruthlessly charged at Lin Dong.

“Boom Boom!”

In the blink of an eye, the full force of three one Yuan Nirvana stage experts arrived in front of Lin Dong. With such a level of Yuan Power blocking his path, the current Lin Dong would find it difficult to retreat even if he wanted to.

Lin Dong raised his head and gazed at the incoming attack that gave off a great pressure. However, he smiled. A thought passed through his mind as the surging Yuan Power that was previously being suppressed within his body completely erupted.

Boom!

Formidable Yuan Power whizzed around Lin Dong’s body. Those undulations were not weaker than any one of the Wang Lie trio!

“One Yuan Nirvana stage!”

The undulations that had suddenly erupted directly caused a series of exclamations to explode around the Nirvana River. Even the pupils of the Wang Lie trio abruptly shrunk, rich disbelief within them.

They clearly knew that Lin Dong's Yuan Power was merely at the half-step-to Nirvana stage two days ago. In their eyes, the only thing that Lin Dong could use was likely his Heaven Symbol Master's Mental Energy. Yet, the current situation before their eyes was vastly different from what they knew.

“Do not panic. Even if this brat was truly at the one Yuan Nirvana stage long ago, he will not be able to withstand the three of us!” Wang Lie's eyes swiftly swept over Chen Ku and Zheng HeiZhu and hurriedly cried out when he saw the unease and panic on their faces.

If they did not eliminate such an enemy as soon as possible, they would definitely have difficulty sleeping at night.

“You have truly overestimated yourselves.....”

Lin Dong softly chuckled in response to Wang Lie's cry. When he was at the mere half-step-to Nirvana stage, he had been able to defeat a genuine Nirvana expert. Moreover, the strength of the current him had already truly soared. Although he was facing off against three opponents, there was no difference from Lin Dong's point of view.....

A dazzling array of seals were repeatedly formed one after another at Lin Dong's hands. In the next instant, his expression suddenly turned to one of concentration. Surging Yuan Power suddenly screamed out from within his body, directly transforming into five enormous light pillars that shot towards the clouds.

The light pillars condensed themselves, forming five enormous ancient fingers in an instant. Waves of heart palpitating undulations repeatedly rippled from the five fingers.

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, Unleashing Five Fingers, Imprisoning The World!”

As Lin Dong's strength rose, he was now able to completely unleash the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger at will.

Boom!

Five fingers that had formed screamed down as the air below them exploded. Even the Pill River below was affected, causing numerous enormous whirlpools to emerge.

The five titanic ancient fingers came whistling down before the crowd's shaken gazes. In a flash, it collided head on with the Wang Lie trio's attacks!

“Break!”

Lin Dong's eyes instantly turned frosty the moment the collision occurred. An ice-cold voice softly echoed from his mouth.

“Boom Boom!”

Wild and violent energy ripples crazily unfurled. Immediately, shocked expressions surfaced to replace the ominous looks on the Wang Lie trio's faces.

The reason for this was because the martial art killing moves that they were extremely proud of showed signs of crumbling under the five ancient fingers attack.

In the span of a few short breaths, the trio's attacks completely scattered in the sky. Five enormous ancient fingers directly smashed through their attacks in a seemingly unstoppable manner while crushing the confidence that remained in their hearts.

Only at this moment did they feel the sensation of cold sweat on their backs. There was a world of difference between the Lin Dong before them and the one from two days ago!

Bang!

Thick horror suddenly gushed up in their eyes, but the enormous ancient fingers had already smashed heavily into their bodies like meteorites falling from the sky.

Urgh!

Three human figures shot backwards like broken kites while emitting a series groans as three mouthful of blood were wildly spat out. Finally, they landed at the edge of the Pill River in an extremely miserable manner.

They had been defeated by a single move!

There was no initial warm up. Both parties had used their strongest killing moves at the very first moment. The result, however, had exceeded everyone's expectations.....

The area around the Pill River was completely silent. Everyone was shocked at the scene before their eyes. Defeating the combined attacks of three one Yuan Nirvana Stage experts with a single attack. Just what kind of tactic was this? Only those practitioners who had endured the second Nirvana Tribulation would be able to achieve this. Yet, it was actually achieved by this Lin Dong who was a mere half-step-to Nirvana stage practitioner two days ago.....

“Chi!”

Lin Dong's figure rushed forward while the entire place was silent. He closed his hand as the eerie white Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear flashed and appeared. Immediately, the tip of the spear was raised. It carried a chilling light as it mercilessly thrust at the fatal points on the bodies of the Wang Lie trio.

Lin Dong would not show any mercy towards his enemies. Once

he attacked, he would completely eliminate all trouble!

An intensely cold killing intent spread out from Lin Dong's body, causing the hearts of quite a number of people to constrict.

The Wang Lie trio's faces turned even paler when they saw Lin Dong rushing over with rising killing intent. Wang Lie hurriedly raised his head and looked around as he cried out, "Brother Shi Kun, are you still not going to act?"

Rumble!

Before Wang Lie's cry could fade, an unusually fierce and formidable Yuan Power accompanied by thick killing intent suddenly swept over.

Lin Dong's pupils shrunk abruptly at this moment as the bone spear in his hand explosively pierced outwards, the sharp spear directly splitting the wild and violent Yuan power. After which, Lin Dong slowly lifted his head and looked towards a spot nearby.

"Has Shi Kun finally passed through the second Nirvana Tribulation?"

Chapter 499: Arrival of Trouble

Everyone around the Pill River, the crowds who were dazzled by Lin Dong's abrupt surge in strength, also became shocked at this suddenly scene. After which, they seemed to have recalled something and their gazes openly turned towards the sky in the distance. They could hear the loud sound of wind being torn apart at that spot and vaguely sensed a formidable Yuan Power fluctuation spreading over in a mighty fashion.

“It's the Devil Cliff Empire!”

“I heard that Shi Kun has finally survived the second Nirvana Tribulation!”

“He is really outstanding. The two Yuan Nirvana stage can be considered a top tier existence even in the entire north-western region. This Shi Kun is indeed worthy of being a genius of the Devil Cliff Empire.”

“We will truly be able to witness a good show today. Although Shi Kun has endured the second Nirvana Stage, Lin Dong is no ordinary individual. No one knows just who will win if they fight!”

“That's right!”

“...”

With the increasing intensity of the sound of wind being torn

apart, a large group of men finally appeared in front of everyone's sight. The surroundings of the Pill River also immediately emitted waves after waves of noise upon seeing the arrival of these people.

Swoosh swoosh!

Numerous figures rushed over in a lightning like manner before they finally hovered beside the Pill River. The one leading them was wearing black clothes and he had a chilly expression. Who else could it be other than Shi Kun?

The current Shi Kun was clearly much stronger as compared to a couple of days ago. A forceful Yuan Power repeatedly spread from within his body. Even the space itself had fluctuated slightly. A golden glow was partially visible on his body. That was the indication that his Nirvana Golden Body had become even stronger. Clearly, Shi Kun had genuinely endured through the second Nirvana Stage during these past few days.

Shi Kun's dark and cold gaze, which carried a killing intent, was directed towards Lin Dong the moment he appeared. After which, a slight dullness appeared in his eyes before they shrunk for a moment. Clearly, he had similarly sensed the sudden rise in Lin Dong's strength.

"I never expected that you have already broken through to the Nirvana Stage and endured through one Nirvana Tribulation within these short two days time!" Shi Kun's eyes shadily stared at Lin Dong while he slowly spoke.

The faces of Shi Xuan and the others behind Shi Kun changed with surprise when they heard Shi Kun's words. All of them glared at Lin Dong as if they had seen a ghost. This was especially true for Shi Xuan. He genuinely had difficulty believing that Lin Dong, who could only rely on some special tricks to fight with him, would actually catch up with him within two short days and even showed signs of vaguely surpassed him.

"I am also quite surprised that you are able to survive the second Nirvana Tribulation within these two days." The Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear in Lin Dong's hand was pointed towards the ground, while a sharp spear's glow was being emitted and withdrawn from it. Lin Dong grinned as he eyed Shi Kun. He was indeed a little surprised. Originally, he had thought that his speed was already sufficiently rapid. Unexpectedly, Shi Kun was also not slower than him. It seemed as if that fellow did indeed possess the qualification to survive through the second Nirvana Tribulation as rumoured. However, he simply did not dare to randomly do so for safety sake.

"If I do not finish off you, with my enemy, I will end up having difficulties eating and sleeping in peace." Shi Kun parted the corner of his mouth and revealed his densely white teeth. Those words which he uttered, contained a murderous intent that was not the least bit concealed. However, Shi Kun also felt fearful of Lin Dong. Clearly, the latter's quick rise in strength had caused him to sense a danger. He understood that if he did not eliminate this problem as soon as possible, it was likely that the position between the two of them would end up changing.

"Likewise."

Lin Dong smiled. His smile similarly contained a dense killing intent that was not the least bit hidden. Since Shi Kun wanted to kill him immediately, why wouldn't he want to return the favour?

The people around understood within their hearts, that there was no room for any negotiation when they heard the conversation between the two of them. Both of them were filled with murderous intent towards each other. From the looks of it, the face off today would definitely not end in a peaceful manner.

A tense aura quietly spread over the both of them. At this moment, Wang Lie and the others had already hurriedly moved away in a miserable fashion. Their eyes were filled with shock and uncertainty as they locked onto Lin Dong. A trace of horror still remained within the eyes of Chen Ku and Zheng Heizhu. Clearly, they had been greatly shaken by Lin Dong's earlier attack. They knew that Lin Dong truly possessed the ability to finish them off.

While the eyes of the two flashed, an intent to retreat had already formed within them. They definitely did not dare to attack once again before the fight between Lin Dong and Shi Kun ended. After all, they did not have a big grudge with Lin Dong. The reason that they had promised Wang Lie to intervene, was because they desired the treasure Lin Dong possessed. However, the strength that Lin Dong currently displayed, had already erased the greed within them.

Therefore, when Wang Lei saw that their eyes were filled with uncertainty and resentment, he quietly cursed these two cowards immediately. Although he cursed in his heart, Wang Lie also swallowed a mouthful of saliva, when he turned to look at Shi Kun

and Lin Dong. Right now, he no longer dared to simply attack.

“Although your improvement had surprised me greatly, there will only be one ending for you today!” An extremely powerful Yuan Power lingered around Shi Kun, while he looked down at Lin Dong from above. His tone was filled with confidence and pride.

He clearly understood just how powerful he was after having survived the second Nirvana Tribulation. The current him already possessed some qualifications to step into the ‘Nirvana Ranking’. Even within the entire Ancient Battlefield, he could be considered an outstanding existence. Hence, there was currently still a great gap between Lin Dong and him.

Lin Dong merely revealed a teasing grin when he saw Shi Kun’s confident expression. After all, he was too lazy to utter any unnecessary words. His hand was gently extended and he spoke indifferent, “Let’s fight. Allow me to witness your confidence.”

“You will regret it!”

Shi Kun’s eyes were dark like a poisonous snake as he stared right at Lin Dong. Immediately, a ferocious expression flashed across his face. His body moved and an glaring bright golden glow suddenly erupted from within his body. At the next instant, he had already appeared in front of Lin Dong in a ghost like manner. His entire arm appeared to have been casted from real gold. It flickered and emitted an all-conquering aura.

“Bang!”

A punch was thrown forth, while the air within a dozens metres radius seemed to have been compressed under Shi Kun's fist. Golden coloured and violent Yuan Power ferociously smashed towards Lin Dong like a great wave.

Chi!

A similarly bright golden glow also spread over Lin Dong's body at the same time. Although Lin Dong had only undergone one Nirvana Tribulation, he was confident that he would not be much weaker when compared with Shi Kun in this aspect, since he had an extremely strong foundation. Hence, he did not do anything else, other than clenching his fist and throwing a punch in an ordinary fashion.

“Boom!”

The two golden fist collided violently in midair. Soon after, a low and deep muffled sound also spread. After which, an extremely wild hurricane like ripple directly swept out from the two fist in insane manner. Even the Nirvana Qi that was permeating in the Pill River below, was forcefully scattered for a couple of hundred metres.

The fists parted upon contact and the two of them violently retreated backwards. The air itself emitted some explosive sound each time their feet landed.

Quite a number of people were stunned upon seeing that Lin

Dong did not end up in much of a disadvantage in a head on collision that relied purely on strength.

“Not bad! However, I want to see if this body of yours dare to resist my Life Demon Blade!”

Shi Kun's eyes also narrowed. He now no longer dared to underestimate him. As he clenched his fist, a golden glow flashed. Immediately, the glow transformed into a golden coloured broadsword. A cold glow was surging on the broadsword. Clearly, this was quite a strong Earthly Soul Treasure.

Shua Shua!

Shi Kun stomped his feet and the golden blade in his hand immediately danced, forming numerous golden coloured blade glow. The moment these glow appeared, it carried an incomparably sharp wind that swamped Lin Dong from every directions.

Any of these blade glow was powerful enough to easily hack a Nirvana Stage expert apart. Moreover, given their numbers, even a one Yuan Nirvana Stage would not dare to underestimate it.

Lin Dong, who was swamped by the golden coloured blade glow, narrowed his eyes. His hand gripped his Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear tightly, as powerful Mental Energy quietly spread out, absorbing all the movement of the countless number of blade glow into his eyes.

In the next instant, Lin Dong's body suddenly moved. One could see his feet gently tapping against the air before his body actually rushed towards the blade glows that permeated the sky.

Swoosh!

An afterimage flashed past the eyes of countless number of people. In the face of the sharp blade glow that came from every directions, the figure seemed to be like a boat amidst powerful waves. Although it rose and fall unsteadily, it did not show any signs of capsizing.

All the sharp blade glow merely narrowly flew past Lin Dong's body under the seemingly mirco-level perception of Lin Dong's Mental Energy. The Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear in Lin Dong's hand suddenly emitted a little bright cold glow at this instance.

The cold glow agglomerated and the Yuan Power around Lin Dong were gathered on this point which was extremely sharp.

Chi!

Lin Dong's was expressionless as the permeating blade glow in front of him had finally scattered. Immediately, a formidable glint lit up in Lin Dong's eyes. As he raised his arm, a golden light quickly spread out. As he jutted his arm, he quickly tore through the air with a frightening speed and attacked Shi Kun's forehead in a ruthless manner!

Shi Kun's eyes also shrunk suddenly. Clearly, he did not expect that Lin Dong would actually be able to dodge his attack in this manner and appear in front of him.

“Golden Body Barrier!”

Though that sharp cold glow had not touched his forehead, it had already left a red dot on Shi Kun's forehead. In the next instant, a gold-like circular halo suddenly emerged from within Shi Kun's body. This sight looked as if there was a powerful barrier protecting his entire body.

“Ding!”

Lin Dong's Heavenly Crocodile Bone Spear heavily slammed onto the golden light barrier. However, it simply emitted some sparks. The clear sound seemed to indicate that the spear was piercing onto a metal.

“Haha, Lin Dong, as long as one endured past the second Nirvana Tribulation, one will be able to released the Nirvana Golden Body around oneself and form a barrier. You are unable to destroy my Golden Body Barrier!”

Shi Kun involuntarily laughed heartily towards the sky, when he saw that Lin Dong's attack had been firmly blocked by his golden light barrier. His eyes suddenly turned icy cold as his voice seemed to rise from hell. It was so densely cold that it was terrifying.

“Don’t think that you are the only one who possess a high grade Manifestation martial art. Today, I will let you see my Devil Cliff Empire’s top martial arts! It’s time to bring an end to your arrogance!”

Shi Kun placed his hands together, giving it the appearance of a palm knife. Golden glow surged in a manner that could split a mountain. Immediately, the power of nature began to gather around Shi Kun’s hand

This activity immediately caused the expressions of the countless number of people around to change. Everyone knew that this Shi Kun was clearly planning on using his finishing blow to completely get rid of this problem called Lin Dong.

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Boom bam bam!

The surrounding Yuan Power began to seethe intensely, appearing as if it was rising violently. Waves after waves of frightening Yuan Power repeatedly surged from Shi Kun's palms. The bright golden light was just like a glaring sun, which was rising.

Everyone's expressions changed because of this mighty aura. From its momentum, they could tell that this was definitely Shi Kun's killing move!

“Golden Demon Heavenly Strength!”

Shi Xuan's group also revealed a shock in their eyes when they saw this scene. Immediately, a wild heat rose up in their faces. Though others might be unaware, they clearly knew what kind of martial arts Shi Kun was currently using. Such a martial arts could be considered top tier even within their Devil Cliff Empire. Its level had also reached a high level Manifestation martial art. It was not weaker than the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger that Lin Dong had previously used.

The strength of such a powerful martial arts being displayed, along with Shi Kun two Yuan Nirvana Stage strength was something that was understood even without describing.

Clearly, Shi Kun had planned to use this ultimate skill to end the

reputation which Lin Dong had forged for himself within this Ancient Battlefield!

The bright golden light crazily agglomerated in Shi Kun's hand. A bright golden coloured light was vaguely present within that golden light and was partially visible. That light was not very bright. Even Lin Dong had sensed an extremely dangerous feeling at this moment. Immediately, his eyes gradually became solemn.

Lin Dong had never underestimated Shi Kun, who was at two Yuan Nirvana Stage. Even though his strength had currently soared, he still did not dare to underestimate Shi Kun. A lion would have to use all its strength in order to capture a rabbit. Moreover, between Shi Kun and him, he did appear to be like the rabbit on the surface...

Behind Lin Dong, Little Flame had similarly sensed the great strength of this attack by Shi Kun. His hand slowly held the metal rod tightly and a strange black glow was faintly flickering over his body. Clearly, he was showing signs of preparing to attack.

“Golden Demon Heavenly Strength!”

The vast and mighty golden light suddenly reached the limit of its aura. Numerous golden coloured circular light was repeatedly unleashed from Shi Kun's body. His gaze was incomparably vicious and cold as he stared at Lin Dong in front of him. The corner of his mouth was subsequently lifted into a ferocious smile while his cold cry suddenly resounded over the place.

“Lin Dong, your good fortune shall end here!”

Shi Kun suddenly took one step forward. Immediately, the enormous golden light in his hand begun to shrink in an unusual manner. Within a short period of time, the dense golden glow was scattered. Taking its place, was a dark golden coloured light. This light was just like waves of water that repeatedly wiggled. However, the ripple that was emitted from within it was so sharp that it caused even Lin Dong to be afraid. It was as though this dark golden glow could even tear apart emptiness.

Xiu!

Shi Kun's face was a savage looking one. Clearly, he did not intend to give Lin Dong any time as he swung his arm down quickly. Immediately, the surroundings became dim. It seemed like all the light had been absorbed by this dark golden light, before the sky was finally torn apart. Wherever the golden light passed, a golden coloured scar would remain in the emptiness.

Bang!

An enormous gully was also being ripped in the Pill River below. One could even vaguely see hundreds of Pill Spirit Corpse being shattered into dust by the erosion of the sharp wind.

While the dark golden light rushed past, countless number of people felt the skin on their heads turning numb. This attack was really quite terrifying...

Huff!

Lin Dong looked at the dark golden light that was being magnified in his eyes. The solemnness on his face seemed to have solidified. Immediately, he inhaled a deep breath of air. However, there was a strange expression flickering within his eyes.

It was not fear. Instead, it was a fiery heat of anticipation.

Both of his hands had also formed many seals during this short while. It was the starting move of the Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger.

Shi Kun naturally understood Lin Dong quite well. Hence, he knew Lin Dong's intention when he saw his actions. Immediately, he let out a cold smile. He knew that Lin Dong also possessed a high grade Manifestation martial art. However, the strength between the two of them were two completely different levels. Even if the latter possessed a high grade Manifestation martial art, he would fail to block this fatal attack.

“You’re courting death!”

Shi Xuan and the others behind Shi Kun also revealed a ridiculing expression when they sensed Lin Dong's intention. However, in their opinion, Lin Dong was just like a grasshopper blocking a car, a completely futile attempt.

Shua Shi!

Lin Dong appeared to have not saw those numerous mocking eyes. The seals were being formed in a lightning like manner by his hands. A short while later, both of his hands suddenly stilled. Five light pillars that was agglomerated from all the Yuan Power within his body had suddenly rushed out from the top of his head.

The light pillars charged towards the sky and tore through the clouds. Finally, everyone saw that the empty space where the light pillar was located was actually being torn apart. A vague seemingly ancient like aura was emitted from within the emptiness.

Five ancient enormous fingers, that were many times more compact than before, once again broke through the air and was suspended in the sky. Waves after waves of powerful surging ripples were continuously emitted.

“I have said that this is useless against me! You are merely struggling before your death!” Shi Kun proudly looked at the five ancient enormous fingers. The ripple above was indeed very strong but it did not show any traces of exceeding his attack.

Lin Dong glanced at Shi Kun. The corner of his mouth was lifted into an unusual arc. After which, he placed his hands together. A soft voice was slowly emitted from within his mouth. “Don’t tell me that you really think that this martial arts of mine, is merely a high grade Manifestation martial art?”

The Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger was the strongest martial arts in the Manifestation Martial Tablet.

Though, Lin Dong did not know how powerful that ancient sect was back during the days, judging by the strength of that black eyed old man back then, it was likely not weak. Since this Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger is this ancient sect's most valued martial arts, following his deeper understanding of this martial arts, Lin Dong was also gradually able to sense its vastness and great strength.

Those moves which he had used in the past was merely the superficial level of this martial arts!

Shi Kun eyes shrunk because of Lin Dong's words. However, he immediately laughed out heartily. He thought that Lin Dong was simply pretending to be mysterious. A martial arts that surpassed Manifestation martial art could only be obtained from those ancient inheritance. Regardless of how blessed Lin Dong was, it was impossible for him to possess such a martial arts.

Although Shi Kun held such thoughts in his heart, he still felt somewhat uneasy in his heart for some unknown reason. He hesitated for a moment. After which, a killing intent flashed past his eyes. Immediately, the dark golden light speed was increased.

Lin Dong could clearly see the changing expressions of Shi Kun. The curvature of his lips became even sharper while his hands were suddenly extended out.

“Great Desolate Imprisoning Heavenly Finger, Merge!”

A low and deep voice was emitted from Lin Dong's throat. After

which, countless number of people saw the five enormous ancient fingers which were suspended in the sky suddenly merging together. The light wiggled and they actually vaguely formed an incredibly ancient palm!

This palm was of an ancient yellow colour. Time had left behind some wrinkles and gave it a feeling that it had undergone the many trials in life. It seemed like the hand of a farmer, but it also a rough enormous ancient hand that caused one to feel a frightening aura. It seemed like it was able to shake the world.

Bang Bang!

The instant that this ancient hand was formed, the space where it was located actually began to tremble intensely. After which, countless number of people saw that the emptiness at that spot began to crumble. While it crumbled, a vague figure was standing with his hands behind his back.

No one could see the appearance of that figure. However, everyone could sense that the surroundings became silent upon his appearance. Even that Pill River which was making a lot of noise earlier had strangely quieten down.

That appearance was as though the world had become humbled in front of that figure!

“This is... martial arts’s soul? Soul Martial Arts?”

The silence of the entire place was suddenly broken by a sharp and shocked voice. The voice's tone seemed to have changed as it resounded over the entire place in a ear-piercing fashion.

A martial arts that has a soul is called a Soul Martial Arts. Such a martial arts had a thread of the spirit belonging to its creator. Once it was used, one would be able to summon the spirit that was present in the universe. The power of such a martial arts could truly be described as earth-shaking!

Such a martial arts was known as a martial arts that surpassed the Nirvana Stage, Soul Martial Arts!

Those people who were able to create such martial arts were all truly legendary and important figures in this world and even nature could not destroy them. Therefore, even a little spirituality left behind by such a person was definitely not something that someone like Lin Dong and the others, who were still bitterly climbing within the Nirvana Stage, could compare with!

At this moment, the expressions of Shi Kun's group was ghastly white. They were incomparably horrified when they watched the vague figure in the emptiness. Their bodies were trembling and their legs turned jelly, causing them to almost kneel them on the ground.

Wang Lie, Chen Ku and Zheng Hei Zhu were also watching this scene with shocked expressions. Their faces were ashened. Clearly, they did not think that Lin Dong actually possessed such a terrifying powerful trump card.

“This person... cannot be offended!” Chen Ku swallowed a mouthful of saliva and spoke in a hoarse voice.

Zheng Heizhu also nodded his head. Immediately, the two of them viciously looked at Wang Lie. If it was not because of this person's words, they would not have planned on doing anything to Lin Dong. Fortunately, they still had the opportunity to leave.

“Soul Martial Arts... how is this possible?”

Besides those around him, Shi Kun himself had also become stunned. He looked at the illusionary figure in the emptiness and his eyes shrunk to the size of the tip of a hair. Clearly, the shock within his heart had already reached the limit.

Bang!

Under the countless number of stunned gazes, the illusory figure within the nothingness that seemed to control the world moved a little. Immediately, everyone saw him slowly extended his blurry hand and gently fanned it downwards.

The Yuan Power in nature collapsed at this moment.

The enormous ancient hand also gently flew out when the illusionary hand was waved. After which, it slammed onto the dark golden light of Shi Kun in front of many gazes.

Crack!

No loud sound appeared when the two collided. Numerous crack lines immediately formed on that seemingly incomparably sharp dark golden light, the moment the collision occurred. Finally, it completely crumbled in front of Shi Kun's miserable eyes.

Soul Martial Arts, a synonym for terrifying.